

Go CASEY!!!!
Go HAFFER!!!!

Go ANY DEM against Santorum!!!!

Santorum is a goner against Casey!!!

Steve | Email | Homepage | **03.03.05 - 9:01 am** | <#>

bronze...

The Ghost of Tom Joad | Email | Homepage | **03.03.05 - 9:01 am** | <#>

Hoeven vs. Conrad will unfortunately be very close.

Steve | Email | Homepage | **03.03.05 - 9:01 am** | <#>

Fight the Power Ron!

Scott P | Email | Homepage | **03.03.05 - 9:02 am** | <#>

..... and, while I'm ranting the FEC WANTS TO CRACK DOWN ON
BLOGS????? WHAT THE F*** IS WRONG WITH THEM???

There are left blogs, right blogs, centrist blogs, libertarian blogs, green blogs, etc. It is simply the modern equivalent of "the soapbox" in the town square upon which every American can freely express their views. Is there a single person in this nation who can seriously argue that blogs are a bad thing for democracy??

Steve | Email | Homepage | **03.03.05 - 9:04 am** | <#>

Well I think that judge just did...

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the only drawback I can see with the proliferation of blogs is the desire by those on both ends of the spectrum to treat ANYTHING they see in a blog as the truth. Like Steve said it is a public soapbox, and the blogs are getting people more involved in politics

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:11 am** | <#>

I can't believe it.

NO REGULATED BLOGS! FREE SPEECH!

Ragnar Danashold | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:11 am** | <#>

It's time for Moderate Mark's favorite time of the day, things I said on the blog one year ago today:

First some context, BJ (Arch-Conservative) was talking about how John Kerry might win the state of Utah:

I am sorry BJ, but the only way tht President Bush could lose Utah (not to mention Wyoming, Idaho, Montana) would be to announce at the Republican National Convention that he is divorcing Laura and entering into a polygamous marriage with Paris Hilton, Christina Aguilera, and the Mailman Karl Malone. Then maybe, Kerry gets within 10 points.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.04.04 - 12:17 pm |

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From the home office, I present
The Top 10 Political Headlines We are More Likely to See than John Kerry winning Utah in November.

10. Ted Kennedy to do television ads for Oldsmobile.
9. Bush drops Cheney from ticket; runs with Joe Gibbs and sweeps to victory in the District of Columbia
8. Janet Reno to star in Baywatch:The Movie
7. PETA endorses Ted Nugent for Michigan Governor
6. Barney Frank marries Ann Coulter on The O'Reilly Factor.
5. John Kerry puts Gray Davis on ticket

4. George W. Bush puts Gray Davis on ticket
3. Dennis Kucinich floats through air to accept Natural Law Party nomination.
2. Donald Rumsfeld explodes at press conference, drops pants and declares "I've got your weapon of mass destruction right here."
1. Al Sharpton spends the night at Red Roof Inn

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.04.04 - 1:57 pm | <#>

I notice these were from 3-4, but the stories went online on 3-3.

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Let's face it, Bush and his croonies want to impede on as many rights as they can. They remind me of the old Soviet communist party the way they not only clamp down on dissent but actively undermine those who refuse to be controlled. Just look what happened to Spector in his primary. You tell me that Bush people weren't behind the "hunt the Rinos" program.

Fiscal Libertarian Social Mode | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:14 am** | <#>

Stalin was a joy, wasn't he?

(Note: I am a Democratic Socialist with Leninist/Trotskyist leanings.)

Ragnar Danashold | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:20 am** | <#>

Hi all.

Quiet here today. Glad Ron put up a new thread.

Here's my impression of a newbie posting on Politics1 the first time:

Newbie: Hello. I'm new here.

Corey: The Cubs will win the World Series. The Republican Party will be the new religion. Mullet-heads are the future.

Democratic Socialist Dave: Gooooo Bullmoose!

Ragnad Danashold: Dear Gods, the world would have been much better if Lennin's vision for democratic Marxism had taken hold.

Arch-Conservative: More porn! Less RINOs!

Conservative Democrat Dave: Last night, the Democratic Party leadership gave me insomnia.

Kevin: GO KILL YOURSELVES, YOU THEOCRATIC MORONS!

PrinceEdwardIslander: America will go to Hell. Canada will go to Heaven.

Tanya: Submit to me, men of the world. You cannot stop the matriarchal rule of the future.

Larry in Nevada: Shut up, you liberal morons.

KentuckyRepublican: If only there were no Democratic Party, this world would be a much better place. And shut up Tanya, you feminist bitch.

Daniel: Governor Miller is the future of Kentucky!

Newbie: Boy, this place is confusing.

DCJones: You're telling ME?!

DCJones | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:25 am** | <#>

and then DCJones, copies and pastes, the email address, telephone number, name of spouse, name of dog, and shoe size of every priest, minister, and rabbi in the country.

Bye for now.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:28 am** | <#>

Democratic Socialist Dave: Gooooo Bullmoose!

DC, that's me man. I'm the chairmen of the North Carolina Bullmoose party.

Ragnar Danashold | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:31 am** | <#>

Go Bob Casey!!!! Santorum will be Rove's next presidential masterpiece.

Prolife-dem | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:36 am** | <#>

Santorum should start bending over now and kissing his ass good-bye.

Casey's taking this one!

Atticus | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:43 am** | <#>

Keep your panties on Ron. It won't happen. If nothing else, the Supreme Court will rule in your favor. And do you know how many blogs there are out there? It'd be like when they shut down Napster, and 20 new music share sites came out.

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:46 am** | <#>

I prefer Hafer, but I do think Casey has a better chance against Father Rick

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:47 am** | <#>

I'll again ask this questions to conservatives on the blog. What is the appeal of Rick Santorum? Why are so many of you enamored with him? (and answer without using hatred of liberals, like when I asked people "Why are you voting for GWB, and don't say disdain of John Kerry in your response."

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:51 am** | <#>

Although Lawrence G Henderson gave me an interesting response to why Conservatives are obsessed with Liberals. I think much of it isn't true, but I did enjoy seeing things from the "right" point of view

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:52 am** | <#>

I'm not a fan of Santorum obviously but you have to admit in 1994 he worked his butt off to get into the Senate. He benefited from a Republican year obviously but he also was a tireless campaigner according to my friend who lived in PA at the time.

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:54 am** | <#>

I know exactly why conservatives, especially young social conservatives love Santorum. I am a college student at a predominantly Republican-Texas university. One of my friends was an intern in Washington DC. He did not go to watch Kay Bailey Hutchinson at work, but his idol, Rick Santorum. Santorum is a staunch social conservative who uses (strong?) language when defending the traditional family. He also appeals to the Latin American vote, he is young and energetic. He was standing right behind GWB during the inauguration (hint, hint).

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I actually know of a few things that the right can admire about Santorum. But I'm not giving them any hints

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:00 am** | <#>

He was giggling like a schoolgirl on "Meet the Press" when Russert asked about 2008. I'm pretty sure he's running.

He's an absolute moron. A self-righteous bumbling idiot. How much more of politicians like him can we take?

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:03 am** | <#>

as i said before mark---i admire santorum for his loyalty to specter when he ran for prez briefly in 96--even though they are not the same idealogically the jr senator felt a debt of gratitude to specter that i found admirable--also we frankly agree on most things politically and i am impressed w/ how he doesn't mince words or temper himself for political expedieincy even though that make make his reelection easier in a swing state like pa--its nothing magical, he's just kinda cool

drjay | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:04 am** | <#>

As a Dem in North Dakota, Hoeven vs. Conrad would be a great race. Conrad would win, however the millions that the GOP would dump into the North Dakota economy would be good for the state. And I can't wait to see Hoeven try to justify his benefactor's farm subsidy cuts. Or try to paint Conrad as a fiscial Liberal, or easy on terriorists. If Hoevan looses, it could end his poltical career.

Gamer | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:05 am** | <#>

Here will be the most followed Senate races of 2006

Rhode Island
New York (only b/c of Hilary, it wont be close)
New Jersey
Maryland (only if Sarbanes retires)
Pennsylvania
Virginia (only is Warner runs)
Florida
Tennessee
Minnesota
Washington

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:06 am** | <#>

Hey, how come I didn't make it into the parody? I neglect my work to post here as much

as anyone. This is some bullshit.

Mike_B | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:06 am** | <#>

Santorum's an embarassment to our region. I'd love to see him defeated by Casey, even if I dont agree with Casey on any major issues

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:08 am** | <#>

Rep. Walter Jones R-NC has introduced legislation allowing churches to officially endorse candidates. I say any church that does that has to start paying taxes.

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:08 am** | <#>

Don't take it personally Mike. I didn't make it in the list either, and I waste time ad nauseum on this site

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:09 am** | <#>

Since I get about 80% of my work done before 10 am, what else am I gonna do. I've exhausted Snood for all its worth

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:10 am** | <#>

If I was funny, I'd do my own parody. But I'm not, so alas...

Mike_B | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:10 am** | <#>

Scott P.
Good call.

Gamer | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:11 am** | <#>

the 1st ammendment calls for gov't not to interfere w/ religion--i don't think there's a problem w/ religion interefering w/ gov't--there's tacit endorsment now as preachers of give opinions from pulpits and polititicians are invited to "preach" at various churches

[drjay](#) | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:11 am** | <#>

The NJ race should be fun to watch. Tom Kean Jr.'s face will be plastered all over the state during that one.

The question is...who will the race feature?

Menendez vs. Kean Jr.

OR

Andrews vs. Kean Jr.

[Atticus](#) | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:12 am** | <#>

but more importantly the ga house finally passed a bill to makr noodling legal in the rivers and strems of ga--it should sail through the senate

[drjay](#) | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:12 am** | <#>

Whats this crap about the FEC going after blogs? What possible grounds could they have?

[Mike_B](#) | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:13 am** | <#>

A person who votes based on what their church leader tells them is a mindless fool anyway.

[Atticus](#) | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:14 am** | <#>

drjay--what is noodling?

[Scott P](#) | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:14 am** | <#>

That's true Atticus, but the vote of the mindless fool counts just as much as a vote on an educated voter.

[Mike_B](#) | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:15 am** | <#>

As we have this talk about chuches, remember that the bible states that the anti-chirst will be a wolf in sheeps clothing. When the anti-christ comes, he/she will likley be a church going person who will be invoved in politics.

My early canidates

- 1) Rick Santorom
- 2) George W. Bush
- 3) Al Sharpton
- 4) Roy Moore
- 5) Jesse Jackson
- 6) Joe Lieberman
- 7) John Ashcroft (would have been number one this time last year)

Gamer | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:16 am** | <#>

Since the governorship is Corzine's for the taking, I'm guessing since Menendez, Pascarell and Andrews are all interested, some nominal person will be appointed to fill out Corzine's last year, and then comes primary season (I think Pascarell will bow out, he's pretty old)

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:16 am** | <#>

i think the gov't in general is just itching to have any kind of control over the internet--like when they attempt to tax internet commerce--the just want a hand in it--and honestly--1st ammendment notwithstanding the airwaves and print do have some sort of controls and restrictions on them--esp. w/ regards to election laws

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noodling is fishing--usually for catfish barehanded--you reach under a log where cats often hide and grab them out of the water--for some reason its only legal to fish w/ rods or poles in ga freshwater right now

drjay | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:18 am** | <#>

Joe Lieberman? I always thought the anti-Christ would be a little bit less of a wimp.

Mike_B | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:18 am** | <#>

But why does the NJ GOP re-nominating losers. Why does anyone think that Schundler or Forrester should run, especially since they lost last time

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 10:18 am | <#>

of course noodling can be dangerous as w/ visiblity often low--you don't know what you are grabbing until it is grabbed

drjay | Email | Homepage | 03.03.05 - 10:19 am | <#>

The Supreme Court has always come down on the side of the internet's free exchange of ideas, and freedom from government regulation.

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 10:20 am | <#>

so you don't think corzine will try to appoint an heir apperant in the senate and keep his sphere of influence large--i thankfully don't know much about nj and don't know if he could weild that kind of power

drjay | Email | Homepage | 03.03.05 - 10:21 am | <#>

"of course noodling can be dangerous as w/ visiblity often low--you don't know what you are grabbing until it is grabbed"

Man, if I had a dollar for every time that was a problem...

Mike_B | Email | Homepage | 03.03.05 - 10:22 am | <#>

if whitman were interested i'd think she could win in nj--although i don't know how excited the national party would be by her

drjay | Email | Homepage | 03.03.05 - 10:22 am | <#>

I don't think there's a problem with Ron supporting Feingold, and mentioning it on his website. You don't have to agree with him.

As a NH primary voter, you guys will have to sell me on your candidate. My vote won't be bought (unless the price is right)

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 10:23 am | <#>

I thought the Anti-Christ was Ronald Reagan !!! Posing as a Christian, going to Philadelphia, MS to make a speech. Caring for the unborn but not children born in Latin-America. Hating black women, referring to them as welfare queens, and having the nerve to tell the USSR that they were the Evil Empire!!! Fiscal conservative my asphalt. Who made the deficit larger? LBJ with both the Great Society and the Vietnam Invasion or Reagan? It does not take a rocket scientist.

Prolife-dem | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:24 am** | <#>

It's Ron's personal website, which I am guessing he pays for. If he wants to endorse his pet iguana for State Comptroller, that's his own business.

Mike_B | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:25 am** | <#>

Well Corzine might appoint a no-name so as not to show bias between Andrews and Menendez, both of whom are interested, and let them battle it out in the primaries. I think the National Democrats prefer Menendez, so maybe Andrews will stick around the House another term and try for Lautenberg's seat in 2008.

I actually think the complete inverse is true with Whitman. The National Republicans would love her. Because numbers are far more important than ideology, and I'm surprised most of you don't realize that. It's why they all really want Chafee reelected. But I don't think Whitman can win against a solid Democrat in NJ, who hasn't elected a Republican Senator in decades

Moderate Mark | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:27 am** | <#>

mark i would be o.k. w/ whitman -- i agree w/ you about numbers--but she was somewhat critical of the administration and the party in her new book i thought??

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:29 am** | <#>

oh so its fishing. I thought it had something to do with floating down the river on one of those noodles.

I see no problem with fishing bare handed.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:30 am** | <#>

If they think Whitman can win they'll back her with everything they've got. They'll do the same with Chafee, even though he was seriously contemplating switching parties, and flat out said he would not vote for Bush

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:35 am** | <#>

The big picture: "Well, at least we have a Republican from Rhode Island."

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:36 am** | <#>

so what's the deal w/ goodman in las vegas--he has an endorsement contract from a prominemt liquor company???

drjay | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:40 am** | <#>

MarkB, this may be my bias, but I think that Jim Langevin can take on Chaffee. The Republicans are focusing way too much on their tite grip on the Red South and MidWest. Look at where Bush is campaigning for his "Destroy Social security and add another 2 trillion to the deficit" campaign. Nevada, Nebraska, Florida, and North Dakota. All red states with future Senate elections involving moderate and vulnerable Democrats.

Prolife-dem | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:46 am** | <#>

I was watching "Casino" the other day and noticed that Goodman played the lawyer who defended DeNiro.

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:56 am** | <#>

If that movie is based on a true story, I imagine Goodman was playing himself.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 10:59 am** | <#>

Republicans outnumber Democrats in North Dakota by about a 5 to 3 margin. That being said, I think Conrad is a heavy favorite. There's no question that Bush is trying to lure Gov. Hoeven into running against him. But Conrad has crossover appeal, represents ND well, and his colleague just got reelected with 68% of the vote.

I think it's very interesting the people who vote Democratic in Nebraska and Idaho. What's life like out there?

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:00 am** | <#>

The last Chafee-Langevin poll showed Chafee trailing 41%-27%, with a very large portion undecided. Those numbers don't bode well for Chafee, but one of the reasons he won in 2000 was his pro-choice stand versus pro-life Democrat Bob Weygand, and Langevin is pro-life. Should be an interesting race

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:02 am** | <#>

Conrad is safe. He is VERY popular. Remember, despite prez leanings, the entire ND delegation is Democratic. Great news about Casey. He will be a top notch candidate.

Sunlover1 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:03 am** | <#>

My sense is that if Hoeven runs against Conrad, the incumbent is in serious trouble.

Conrad and Dorgan have never had to face a top tier challenger like Governors Ed Schaefer or Hoeven.

Since being elected, they have only run against second and third tier opponents and their defeat was never at the top of the national Republican electoral priority list.

If Hoeven runs, the race is probably a tossup. At best, someone could argue that Conrad as the incumbent could be the slight favorite, but certainly should not be considered a heavy favorite.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:06 am** | <#>

I heard on CNN that a bunch of Hollywood liberals are joining with pro-choice groups in an effort to stop Langevin.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:07 am** | <#>

Casey might have a charisma problem. But, he's received the most total votes in Pennsylvania history. And it's not like the Keystone State gets a whole lot of growth, so that's saying a lot

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:07 am** | <#>

What Ron did not report is that Barbara Hafer has decided to enter the Senate race as well, which will set up a bloody primary.

Emily's List, and other pro-choice and liberal groups are lining up behind Hafer. Casey

winning a Senate primary is far from a done deal.

As for ND, Conrad is far from safe, especially against Hoeven.

He has never had to run against anyone of the quality of Hoeven.

Just like Daschle had never run against anyone like Thune.

People here were saying one year ago that Daschle was completely safe, but I knew otherwise.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:09 am** | <#>

Corey, your dreaming. Remember, Conrad was even able to ressurect his carrer in 92. Both Dorgan and Conrad have held statewide office since the 70's. They've done alot of favors for people. Just because someone is a popular Gov, doesn't mean they are an automatic strong senate contender, remember both Bill Weld and Ben Nelson in 96!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:10 am** | <#>

I read on another blog site that Victoria Hopper, wife of Republican Dennis Hopper, is trying to stop Langevin from running or winning with some petition (I need more clarity on the details)

What the hell does Hollywood care about what Rhode Island does? I'd be pretty pissed if I were a RIer.

Moderate Mark | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:10 am** | <#>

Just b/c RI is a blue state, does not give them any right to interfere what RI as a state does. RI and Hollywood have almost nothing in common, other than liberal politics. Would they be so worked up about a pro-life Democrat in Georgia?

Moderate Mark | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:14 am** | <#>

HAFER VS CASEY: The Sequal!

Barbara should be rewarded for switching, but this is a race I want to win (revenge for the great Harris Wofford, who should have never been defeated, especially by that pipsqueak right winger), so Casey should be given a clear shot. The Dems should nominate her for Congress, or something. If the Dems attack Langevin its a mistake. He is better than

Weygand was. Like Casey, he can win, GET THIS POINT! The GOPers will nominate pro choicers in races where only someone like that can win. We need to do the same! If it takes nominating a pro-lifer so be it!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:15 am** | <#>

Corey may have a point. Whenever any Pro-Life Democrat seems to gain attention or popularity, the Pro-Choice faction seems to always find a way to convince the party to go in a different direction. Look at how the party treated John Breax (senator from LA). Look at what happened to bob casey's father and Clinton's decision not to allow him to speak. At the same time, at the RNC, Swarzzzen-cheater and Ghouliani and Romney were all allowed to speak to the crowd. It is a now a Democratic Circus versus a Republican tent.

Prolife-dem | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:16 am** | <#>

Great point, Sunlover!

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Conrad never really had to resurect his career. He was already in the Senate, and was limiting himself to one term, when the other seat suddenly opened up and he decided that he would not break his promise if he ran for the other seat instead of his own, so he has actually held both Senate seats without ever leaving office.

The analogy to Weld and Ben Nelson is certainly interesting, I agree. However, I have to point out that Conrad, Dorgan, and Pomeroy, have never ever had to run against an incumbent Governor. Hoeven will by far by a stronger contender than anyone ND Republicans have ever put up.

As we know the state is overwhelmingly Republican, and if this is one of the top takeover possibilities, the President and the Vice President will campaign many times in ND, just as they did in Republican states in 2002.

Who can the Democrats bring in to help Conrad? Howard Dean?

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:19 am** | <#>

I think if Langevin runs, Chafee is done. RI is 2 to 1 Dem, and if he's only polling 27%, it doesn't look like he can pull it off

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:19 am** | <#>

Dennis Hopper is a Republican?!?!
WTF?!

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:22 am** | <#>

Hoeven will be a challenge, I agree, but I still believe that Conrad is safe. The GOP will be wasting their money there instead of using it in places like R.I.

Sunlover1 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:23 am** | <#>

Score for both Moderate Mark and Corey. I know who can help Conrad- a centrist Democrat with a new image and energy and who had close tie to the last Democratic Prez, Al Gore!!! Al Gore 2008 or Wesley Clark 2008!!! I have yet to decide who to endorse or work for.

Prolife-dem | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:24 am** | <#>

We're gonna be electing socially progressive fiscally responsible Democrats in NORTH DAKOTA, TEXAS, NEBRASKA, MINNESOTA, MONTANA. AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO WASHINGTON DC TO TAKE BACK THE WHITE HOUSE

YYYYYYAAAARRRRRRGGGGHHHHH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Gov. Howard Dean (D-VT) | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:24 am** | <#>

you didn't know Hopper was a Republican?

So is David Lynch, the genius behind Eraserhead and Blue Velvet

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:26 am** | <#>

Sunlover1, I think that you would be wrong. The Republicans seem to be so focused on keeping the nation divided that they would concede Rhode Island (since it bleeds blue) in order to maintain a permanent hold on a potential "permanent red state" like North Dakota. All of their reps might be Democrats, but they are all pretty moderate. Besides, Tom Daschle did a lot of things for South Dakota, but he lost due to a shameless GOP smear campaign.

Prolife-dem | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:28 am** | <#>

Please, pro-life dem, no more Gore!! I backed Clark (after Bob Graham dropped out) last year, but I would like to see him go for Ark Gov instead. WE NEED EVAN BAYH IN 2008!!!!!! Someone like Bayh could certainly campaign for Conrad, but in the end Conrad doesnt need ANY outsider to campaign for him. The people of ND know him and his record!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:28 am** | <#>

But Daschle was much more high profile as Senate Dem Leader, than Conrad ever has been. He is much more like Max Baucus. As a sitting senator, Chaffee should be pretty pissed if pro-life dem is right about the GOP willing to toss him aside!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:32 am** | <#>

In honor of Hoeven running for the Senate I think it is high time that we revisited the topic of facial hair on politicians (as Hoeven has that funky moustache). I've linked the men who look like Kenny Rogers site for any who are interested.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:33 am** | <#>

If Governor Hoeven enters the race, the fact is that Kent Conrad becomes the most vulnerable Democrat incumbent in the Senate. I don't even think most partisan Democrats would disagree. It would certainly be a tossup race. To say that Conrad would be "safe" a year and a half away from that potential matchup seems to be disconnected with reality.

Let me also go on record to say that I think it is more likely than not that Casey and Langevin would both lose in Dem primaries to more liberal opponents, if they even run. It's a long way off though, Santorum and Chafee hold the only two GOP seats that I think are potentially vulnerable, but they both very well may win.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:33 am** | <#>

so i'm sick of these Republicans acting like evil evil Hollywood is uniformly Democrat and liberal if these guys like Lynch and Hopper are Republican. Not to mention Sly Stallone, Bruce Willis, Tom Selleck, etc.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:34 am** | <#>

Yes, Sunlover, in the end, only the people matter. But if you look back in the history books, in 1960, Nixon lost and everyone was tire of him. In 1968 (due in large part to the most racist campaign in American history) Nixon made a comeback. nixon was VP for 8 years. He was a centrist Senator (Nixon was anti-Commie and pro-choice, and for universal healthcare). These do ring a bell but I can't seem to tell who has these characteristics. Besides, due to the lack of name recognition, Bayh would lose to McCain handly. haven't you noticed the extraordinary amount of media coverage McCain gets?

Prolife-dem | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:36 am** | <#>

the difference scott is that it is wrong for the lefties in hollywood to try to force their out of the mainstream beliefs on all of the rest of us

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:37 am** | <#>

mccain was on hannity and colmes last nite being coy about future prez ambitions

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:38 am** | <#>

Drjay, they already do!!!! movies like cider house rules and million dollar baby. Very subtle, but they do. So, what is wrong them doing it openly if people do not complain about their "hidden agenda"!

Prolife-dem | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:41 am** | <#>

Arrogant he is! But the both the liberal and conservative media like him. Hum. All-America candidate. Moderate. Just enough pro-life to get the relgious right vote. Just liberal enough to avoid hollywood's criticism.

Prolife-dem | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:43 am** | <#>

John McCain, maverick indeed.

Prolife-dem | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:44 am** | <#>

i wouldn't exactly call Dennis Hopper "mainstream" but i guess you guys have no problem with him because he's in the GOP. And as far as being ostracized if you are not a lefty I think most people in Hollywood would consider Hopper more cool than Streisand

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:50 am** | <#>

Good point. I have never seen someone play both sides as successfully as John McCain does.

But I do agree with the point that the National Reps would gladly sacrifice Chafee to oust Conrad, b/c of their enjoyment of a divided nation.

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:53 am** | <#>

I have never heard anything about Dennis Hopper being a Republican, until Moderate Mark just brought it up. I don't know what the relevance is. Obviously, Hopper has not been an active Republican like Tom Selleck or even Bruce Willis, because we would have heard more about it.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:54 am** | <#>

thanks Moderate Mark. If only people like you can agree with me about my Gore-Nixon comparison, Democrats would take back this nation.

Prolife-dem | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:55 am** | <#>

The GOP will NEVER nominate McCain. Corey doesnt have a problem calling many a gop senator safe a year and a half out. I remember all the talk about Denny Rehberg's challenge to Max Baucus, which turned out to be less than stellar. I don't know about R.I., Dems there seem to be suicidal at times (nominating Myrth York three times), but Pennsylvania Dems will pick Casey over Hafer. The DSCC and state party will weigh heavy for Casey.

Sunlover1 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:56 am** | <#>

Tom Selleck should be playing the Republican presidential candidate on West Wing--even though Alan Alda is a great actor. Plus Selleck has the mustache going for him.

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:57 am** | <#>

I have never heard of Hopper being a republican either corey. I do know that that one guy who played smoochie in the movie kill smoochie is a republican (he is ashamed, but I think it is okay) and a vegetarian. What a strange guy!

Prolife-dem | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:57 am** | <#>

I saw Selleck play Ike in some movie. What were those producers thinking. He's not even bald!!!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:59 am** | <#>

Denny Rehberg was only the Lt. Governor in 1996, not the Governor, and it was in a Presidential year, in a state that is not quite as Republican as ND, and if my memory is correct he came pretty close to winning. Marc Racicot, the Governor, probably could have beaten Baucus that year.

Sunlover, I admit to being a staunch Republican, but I also try to be realistic about upcoming political races. To claim that Conrad would be "safe" against Hoeven is something that I think you will have a hard time finding anyone that will agree with you on that point.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:00 pm** | <#>

Sunlover1, I know that the Republicans have a very strong right wing base, but with the right campaign manager, McCain could take the GOP in 2008. 2000 and 2004, that base was not ready for him, but I think they will be eager to show how mainstream conservatism is. Even Dems would vote for him. i, for 1, would not.

Prolife-dem | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:01 pm** | <#>

Wanna read about Hopper being a Republican? Click on my homepage

Moderate Mark | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:01 pm** | <#>

Tom Selleck also has that whole kissing Kevin Kline thing that some GOPers would have a tough time with.

The Ghost of Tom Joad | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:01 pm** | <#>

(5-15-04) Dennis Hopper, who's known for such films as: Rebel Without a Cause, Easy Rider, and Blue Velvet. Anti-Establishment. Symbol of the 60's counterculture.

On the Bob Costas HBO show, "On the Record" this morning, Costas asked him about it. Hopper said he voted for George Bush in the last election, and he was supporting him in

the current campaign. Costas asked him how this stunning metamorphosis came about.

Hopper replied: "I got sober"!

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 12:02 pm | <#>

Rehberg turned out to be a big disappointment. I remember the gop crowing how they had recruited their top contender. Raciot was running for re-election for gov that year. Montana is about as much a gop state as ND. I will repeat... Hoeven will be a strong challenge, but I'm confident (based on history) that Kent Conrad can withstand the challenge. If it makes you feel better Corey, I'll say ND Senate race "Leans Dem", instead of "Strong Dem", that would be appropriate!

Sunlover1 | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 12:05 pm | <#>

mcain is so very old

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 12:08 pm | <#>

The RI primary has one of the lowest turnouts of any of the primaries, and the voters are usually very liberal or very conservative. Langevin might not get the nod

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 12:08 pm | <#>

McCain would be oldest prez elected for 1st term.

Sunlover1 | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 12:09 pm | <#>

I loved Dennis Hopper in the Nike commercials...

The Ghost of Tom Joad | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 12:11 pm | <#>

The GOP can have Dennis Hopper. The Dems have Cameron Diaz!!!!

Sunlover1 | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 12:11 pm | <#>

Is James Woods a Republican as well? I know he was very pro-Bush right after 9-11 but so were most of us (90%) until he squandered away that goodwill.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:12 pm** | <#>

I have done some calculations and have determined that when you take away all the seats that will be up in 2006 in the Senate, those that remain are:

Republicans- 40
Democrats-27

33- to be decided in 2006.

So, my question to the Democrats here is, what would you expect the final total to be and also, what final total would you consider to be a success for the Democrats?

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:13 pm** | <#>

We Dems also have Eva Longoria who plays Gabrielle on Desperate Housewives! She is definitely the hottest of the housewives--with Teri Hatcher being a close second.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:13 pm** | <#>

McCain will never get the nod to run. The GOP likes inside, team players like Santorum, Allen, Brownback, B. Dole, etc. Think back to the attempts of McCain and Spector.

Plus, he's too old for '08. (please avoid using the Reagan argument, he was too old too)
The only positive comparison I can make between McCain and Reagan in relation to '08 is that after being the outsider candidate during the mid 70s race, Reagan did position himself well as the main guy for '80. McCain does have that potential.

Atticus | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:16 pm** | <#>

not on the subject but i was looking at last nites posts--herseth was born 12-3-70--just for the info--i think that makes her a little younger than ford for youngest d in congress

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:16 pm** | <#>

Scott, do you actually watch Desperate Housewives?

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:16 pm** | <#>

Don't really see why everyone is sooo crazy about Eva, she doesnt do anything for me. I'm glad to hear she is a D however. I've only seen that show once, but I have to say my old Knots Landing hottie Nicollette Sheridan is tops.

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:16 pm** | <#>

"the difference scott is that it is wrong for the lefties in hollywood to try to force their out of the mainstream beliefs on all of the rest of us"

I hear this all the time whenever someone in hollywood voices a liberal opinion. Does the 1st Ammendment not cover Hollywood? They have no power. How do you feel they are imposing anything?

Mike_B | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:17 pm** | <#>

i agree atticus that gop tends to go for team players--in 96 it was almost as if dole got the nom b/c he'd put in his time and it was just his turn--one of the reasons it was such an uninspiring campaign

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:17 pm** | <#>

I didn't want to watch Housewives but must admit I got pulled into it. The Simpsons is still my Sun. night must see though

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:18 pm** | <#>

Sunlover

Eva Longoria doesn't do anything for you? Are you blogging from the funeral home cuz you must be dead!

Still have a soft spot for Nicollette Sheridan though who also played the Sure thing in--- "The Sure Thing".

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:19 pm** | <#>

Herseth and Ford, Jr. look like Strom Thurmond compared to Adam Putnam. Only member of congress that hasnt started shaving yet!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:20 pm** | <#>

Corey, with regard to Casey, I don't think you can say that he would lose in a primary.

Hafer is his only likely opponent (and how likely I don't know). You're essentially basing this argument on the '02 primary with Rendell. I was in favor of Rendell in that primary for a lot of reasons, not the least of which was that he was the most qualified and fit my political views best. However, Hafer is a different story. I like her, don't get me wrong, but if she were up against Casey, who, unlike his father has always been a loyal Democrat, I go with Casey every time. And again, he's the best qualified in such a situation. You seem to think that he and Rendell are on bad terms. Who do you think persuaded him to look at the race? CASEY '06!!!

VCUMIKE | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:21 pm** | <#>

I think in '96, when the economy was rolling and Clinton was popular, the GOP knew it was going to be a tough race for them to win. Dole said as much himself on CNN before this past election.

I think Dole got the nod, because they knew he was a good soldier who would take one for the team.

Mike_B | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:21 pm** | <#>

whenever I see Matt Blunt on our local news in front of the capital I always wonder if it's a student government field trip LOL

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:21 pm** | <#>

No, Scott, I'm not in a funeral home ... lol ... but just saying Eva doesnt do it for me. TIFFANI-AMBER THEISSEN (ex-90210) is the hottest babe on the planet, except my gf, of course (just in case she checks this ... lol).

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:22 pm** | <#>

mchenry is actually the youngest in congress right now--but someone last nite was trying to figure out who the youngest dem was --and any excuse to talk about herseth...

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:24 pm** | <#>

Right on on sunlover, I had a major thing for her when she was Kelly on Saved by the Bell.

Mike_B | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:24 pm** | <#>

Mike, Tiff only gets BETTER with age!! Cute on SBTB, Hot on 90210, Smokin' now!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:26 pm** | <#>

I'd also like to say that I would favor Rep. Langevin in RI. Another loyal Democrat who deserves a chance at the Senate. Pro-Choice groups need to take a back-seat to winning these elections. Certainly, the Senate/House etc...have only minor influence over abortion policy, and I doubt that that issue would be prescient to either Langevin or Casey.

VCUMIKE | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:27 pm** | <#>

VCU, Hafer all but announced her candidacy yesterday. Casey is still considering it, but let's assume he does run.

The fact is VCU, that most Democrats just do not think strategically as you do. They see that Casey is Pro-Life, pro-gun, etc, and the liberals powers to be in the Democrat Party, will not want to send him to Washington where he might become another Zell Miller.

I think it will be a close primary and it is still over a year away, but if I had to put money on it today, I say that Hafer beats Casey.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:29 pm** | <#>

Speaking of any excuse to discuss Stephanie Herseth she has some great new pictures on her site--one where she's presenting an award or something in a nice low cut dress.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:31 pm** | <#>

I think Casey gets far too much flak because of his father. His father was hated not so much for his pro-life views but instead for not backing the party enough on other issues. He essentially let that one rift poison his whole being with regard to his own party. His son has not been that way. This will be an interesting one, however, let us not forget the Specter-Toomey race. Schumer, Rendell, Clinton(s) all need to be doing behind the scenes work on this one. That being said, Hafer is not a sure loser, and would likely make the race competitive. Bottom line: Santorum isn't safe either way.

VCUMIKE | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:34 pm** | <#>

Does anyone know if PA has an open or closed primary? That might be significant if there is a competitive GOP primary for Governor.

Hafer would need to pull moderate Republican women to win a Senate primary, while Casey would need to pull conservative voters who might be inclined to vote in a GOP primary if the Gubernatorial primary is a hot one.

The most vivid scenario of this was 1998 in Illinois where a lot of Democrats had to decide if they should vote in the crowded Dem primary for a pro-choice candidate for Governor or vote in the GOP Senate primary for the moderate pro-choice Loleta Didrickson, while a lot of conservative Democrat types had to decide if they should vote in the Dem Governor primary for Glenn Poshard or in the GOP Senate primary for Peter Fitzgerald.

Ultimately, the pro-Life side was spread out enough to closely win both of those primaries. That may not happen in PA though, as the conservative rural traditional Democrats may be happy with Santorum, and thus not be as passionate about Casey, as the liberal, pro-choice groups will be about nominating one of their own.

Time for lunch.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:37 pm** | <#>

Some interesting stories on Politicalwire today...Freddie Ferrar leads Bloomberg by several points in the NYC Mayor's race. Looks like the Dems in NYC are finally going to be united in favor of a great candidate. Its about time.

Corey, PA is a closed primary state.

VCUMIKE | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:42 pm** | <#>

nyc already has a dem mayor he just plays gop on tv

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:44 pm** | <#>

Bloomberg only won because of Rudy's support and the fact that the Dem nominee was Mark Green--professional loser

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:45 pm** | <#>

Casey is hardly Zig Zag Zell! I could have told you the day after she switched that Hafer was running for senate. I've never seen an exploritory committee ever recommend a candidate NOT run. Casey is running. And if PA Dems despise Santorum as much as I do (and I'm sure they do, and then some) they will vote strategically for Casey. He would

probably beat Hafer with somewhere around 58-60%. In the end she may be pressured to drop out.

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:45 pm** | <#>

Bloombergs days in Gracie Mansion are numbered!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:47 pm** | <#>

Before I go to lunch, one final post:

Of course, I would expect a Democrat to be leading in a poll in New York City these many months out. It is New York City for crying out loud.

However, the Dems are going to be far from united. It will be a bloody primary and while Ferrer will ultimately win, I consider him the underdog to Bloomberg.

Once the intraparty elbows start flying for the Dems, once Bloomberg starts spending something like 200 million dollars or whatever he will spend, once Rudy Giuliani starts popping up everywhere he can, and the folks of NYC are reminded about what bad shape the city was when the Democrats were last in charge, things are going to look very different for Freddy.

New York City is overwhelmingly Democrat, but they also want to live in a safe, clean, orderly city. They may not love Bloomberg but they don't hate him. Nobody is really fired up to send him packing. New Yorkers are happy with the status quo and aren't going to want to return to the pre Giuliani era.

Bloomberg probably wins.

Bye.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:48 pm** | <#>

I have to disagree that Tiffani Amber became hotter as the years went by. I think she looks a little weathered. But that's just me...and by the way I almost bought "Showgirls" this week because it was only \$6.99...but I came to my senses and my girlfriend brought me to my senses too.

The Ghost of Tom Joad | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:49 pm** | <#>

If PA has a closed primary, that benefits Hafer, because the more liberal elements of the party from Philly and the Philly suburbs, will have more sway.

Most Democrats are not political junkies who think strategically like VCU who is for Casey and like me, who was for Specter. They will support the candidate who most closely matches their views and in today's Democrat Party, that ain't Casey.

Bye again.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:49 pm** | <#>

Right on Sunlover! The '02 Casey-Rendell race was pretty amazing for its twists and turns. A lot of people forget that Casey was actually officially endorsed by the State Dem Party. Rendell's achievements and his great personality were simply too much for Casey to overcome. I don't think anyone would accuse Santorum or Hafer of having an over-abundance of personality.

VCUMIKE | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:50 pm** | <#>

Corey said of Conrad.

"He has never had to run against anyone of the quality of Hoeven."

I say that is true, however, Hoeven has never ran against anybody as strong as Conrad. And Conrad is no Dashell, and he will not be painted as supporting issues that are not in the best intrests of North Dakota.

Honelsty, do you think that Conrad is not a fiscal conservitive?

Gamer | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:52 pm** | <#>

\$6.99 for Showgirls?

C'mon Joad the campiness alone is worth that much--much less the other--umm--attributes of the film, none of which obviously is the acting or the plot.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:52 pm** | <#>

Dinkins was a disaster, and Koch wore out his welcome, those were the reasons for Guilani. 9/11 and Mark Green were responsible for Bloomberg. Guilani was political poison on Sep 10, 2001. I quite frankly have never seen what great heroic things he did on 9/11. He did his job, and conducted the aftermath the same way as Koch, Lindsay, or even Dinkins would have done. He was the hero only because he held the office.

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:53 pm** | <#>

Maybe \$4.99 for Showgirls.

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:55 pm** | <#>

yeah i guess i would only buy Showgirls if it was less than the price of lunch at Krystal.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:56 pm** | <#>

The new NYC Q-Poll is not fatal news for Bloomberg. We'll see how the Dem primary is conducted. Ferrer is likely to be the nominee, but Weiner and Miller won't miss a chance to rough him up. They are both nasty SOB's.

And Bloomberg, who has been a surprisingly good Mayor, will spend upwards of \$100 million, while Ferrer will be stuck with his \$20-30 million (if he's lucky).

I wouldn't bet against Bloomberg yet.

pequod1021 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:58 pm** | <#>

Whoever the Dems nominate will be the slight favorite over Bloomberg. the Repubs will NOT crow over Dinkins as Corey predicts. Why? It should be pretty obvious: piss off black voters and increase turnout in their communities. Corey also forgets that in '01, the circumstances were essentially the same: the Dems had had a bruising primary, which resulted in the nomination of a guy most saw as a grade-A jerk. Bloomberg went on a spending-spree and Giuliani was everywhere. What did that get Bloomberg? A 3 point victory! 2 Months after 9/11 when Rudy was at his most popular! Couple that with Bush's big defeat in the state and city most affected by terrorism and you get a Ferrer victory for Mayor in '05.

VCUMIKE | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:58 pm** | <#>

Tiffani got a little more ... hmmm ... enhanced during the 90210 years. Plus, I like a little meat on a woman. Maturity also brings out beauty. But Corey ... PLEASE ... I beg you ... don't go on a Virginia Foxx-Katherine Harris diatribe!!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 12:58 pm** | <#>

I wanted Fernando Ferrer to run for mayor as early as 93! Its time for THE Bronx to elect

a mayor!

Manhattan Residents:
Bloomberg, Guilani, Dinkins, Koch, and Lindsay

Brooklyn Resident:
Abe Beame

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | **03.03.05 - 1:02 pm** | <#>

I think my tactical error was being in the same store with my girlfriend while browsing for a movie...must think of a better exit strategy next time.

The Ghost of Tom Joad | Email | Homepage | **03.03.05 - 1:03 pm** | <#>

Boston METRO - Thu Mar 3 2005

DEMS VOW TO PASS STEM CELL LEGISLATION

Boston - Democratic leaders in the state legislature said yesterday they expect to pass a bill by the end of March legalizing embryonic stem cell research, and Senate President Robert Travaglini predicted they will have the votes to override an expected veto by Republican Governor Mitt Romney.

The bill would clarify existing state law, making it legal to conduct research using embryonic stem cells in Massachusetts. It would also specifically ban any research aimed at reproductive cloning.

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:06 pm** | <#>

yea, what you would rent at the video store when you are alone is far different from when your gf accompanys you!

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | **03.03.05 - 1:07 pm** | <#>

Ok, lets see if the right wingers really mean "state's rights"!

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | **03.03.05 - 1:09 pm** | <#>

Abe Beame was a poor SOB. Mayor during the worst financial crisis in the city's history, largely left over from Lindsey. He was also arguably the last mayor of NY to preside

when the city still had that sort of dangerous, seedy feel to it and not the sort of family theme park that it is now. Beame was essentially an accountant who got in over his head.

VCUMIKE | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:16 pm** | <#>

VCUMIKE_

Where is this family theme park in NYC? Maybe a few sections of Manhattan, but that is only about 1/8 of the city's population.

The outer boroughs are not exactly little patches of wealth and tranquility.

pequod1021 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:20 pm** | <#>

New York is really safe now, but some part of me misses the seedy, violent, smutty, "Mean Streets." New Yorkers are tough people

Moderate Mark | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:20 pm** | <#>

The idea that Kent Conrad is safe with the possibility of having to run against a popular sitting Governor who will have the support of not only the state GOP and the National GOP in a state that is 2 to 1 GOP is to be honest laughable.

Many of the same Democrats here never believed that Tom Daschle would be defeated in South Dakota. Those same Democrats made the same excuses for Daschle that they are now making for Conrad.

He's a fiscal conservative.

He's a moderate.

He works for the interest of North Dakota.

They forget one thing. When your playing on the other parties playing field those things will not matter.

Conrad has never had to raise the money or campaign the way he will have to if Hoeven does run.

I am sure media and political tactics will transform Conrad into the liberal Democrat that he really is in the mind of many North Dakotans.

The Democrats have virtual no party structure in North Dakota, they hold now state offices and are vastly out numbers in the State House.

The Republicans in North Dakota have an excellent party structure and im sure the red meat that Rove and the Senate Republicans concern Supreme Court nominations, abortion and other red meat issues for the GOP base will have North Dakotan Republicans all fired up.

Senator Kent Conrad is far from safe. In fact he is in serious trouble if Hoeven runs against him.

Me2 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:20 pm** | <#>

Are you kidding? The South Bronx is a bastion of prosperity and wealth. Full of Rockefellers and Carnegies. And of course the New York Yankees

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:21 pm** | <#>

pequod1021, I was referring specifically to Times Square, which really is like a theme park if you've been there recently.

VCUMIKE | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:23 pm** | <#>

Bloomberg remember was not a Republican until serveral months before the New York City primary for Mayor, he has a long history of being a liberal Democrat before he became Mayor of NYC.

With that said Bloomberg is far from safe and I would rate the race a total tossup.

One of the main question is that can Democrats be united behind one candidate and can the race politicals that always splits the NYC party be overlooked.

Me2 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:25 pm** | <#>

There used to be XXX movie theaters and drug dealers on every corner. Now, Mickey Mouse and George Pataki's face are on every corner

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:25 pm** | <#>

M2,

Again, Hoevan has never ran against a solid canidaite either.

While what you say about the North Dakota Dem- NLP party is true, the GOP in the state is very arrogant right now, and they are beging show some splittering in Bismarck. North Dakotan's are smart voters.

South Dakota was a fluke, and it is not North Dakota. Like I said before, I welcome the extra funds to North Dakota from the GOP powerbase. That said, Conrad will still win.

Gamer | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:28 pm** | <#>

VCUMIKE-

Yeah, Time's Sq, parts of SoHo, the Park, etc. There are clean, prosperous pockets of the city. But, overall, where the remaining 7 million people live, it's generally a cesspool.

pequod1021 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:29 pm** | <#>

The Democratic Party in PA will be all about abortion all the time until the voting starts.

Do not underestimate the power of the pro-abortion lobby in the Democratic Party especially in the primary.

Look what happened to Tim Roemer, the same will happen to Casey.

Me2 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:29 pm** | <#>

I've heard Hell's Kitchen isn't even Hell's Kitchen anymore. What is up with that?

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:29 pm** | <#>

i would say nyc mayor is a tossup--i don't sense any deep seeded animosity for blomberg

and bloomie would have lost were it not for 9-11 so a squeaker victory was still something

and rudy was on the front line mintues after the attack he was in a building that collapsed minutes after he left it--he could have monitired the situation from gracie but chose not to -- would dinkins have done that--i don't know-mayb-maybe not--but fact is rudy wass mayor at the time and he was there, not to mention the hundreds of firfighter funerals he attended in the aftermath

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:30 pm** | <#>

Mark-

I must admit that I do somewhat miss the "xxx" neon glowing throughout mid-town. The propositions from hookers and crack dealers added to the memories. Good times.

pequod1021 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:31 pm** | <#>

when i was last in nyc it seemed nice enough to me--we stayed at the empire hotel across from lincoln center--and walked the streets w/ our child and weren't mugged or anything

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:32 pm** | <#>

ScottP Hell's Kitchen is now called Clinton.

Me2 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:32 pm** | <#>

What I see happening with cities is sort of like two ends of the spectrum--as more people move out to the exurbs (God knows why anyone would want to live an hour from work surrounded by Wal Marts, Home Depots and no trees) others who do not want that lifestyle are repopulating the central cities. In between and on the losing side would be the inner suburbs because they are seen as too "city" for those who want to live in Wal Mart land and not chic enough for yuppies.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:33 pm** | <#>

it is a little loud however

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:33 pm** | <#>

Funny, I would prefer posters of Jenna Jameson in Times Square over those of George Pataki and Mickey Mouse!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:35 pm** | <#>

You cant even compare Roemer and Casey. Are you kidding?? DNC Chair is elected by a couple of hundred hard core party activists, whereas the senate primary will consist of

100s of thousands of voters, many of them being blue collar Dems.

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | **03.03.05 - 1:39 pm** | <#>

I think Casey should be considered the odds on favorite against Santorum and, if he really has his eyes set on the 2008 race but looks like defeat is assured in 2006, look for Santorum to bow out at the last minute, probably early in the year so a sacrificial lamb can be put in place.

As for ND, it's a tough race and both Hoeven and Conrad are extremely popular. It will be the race to watch in this country, perhaps even more so than the open seat in Minnesota. Nobody knows which way it'll swing at this point so speculation is pointless. Save it for next year.

Alexander J | Email | Homepage | **03.03.05 - 1:40 pm** | <#>

Well I will remind everyone that I was the only one to predict every Senate race in the 2004 election correctly.

Me2 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:41 pm** | <#>

as far as Times Square goes--what has really changed?
The real whores have just been replaced by corporate ones.

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:42 pm** | <#>

But I agree with Alex that Casey if he wins the primary is a slight fav, but I wouldn't count out Santorum.

Me2 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:42 pm** | <#>

dr j, Rudy WAS simply doing his job. Mayors go to big funeral. Yes, he coordinated the aftermath. But if it had happened in Chicago, Rich Daley would have done the same thing, Hahn in LA, Greco in Tampa, you would have to be the biggest bumbler alive to blow that situation. I have no doubt that Dinkins or Koch would have been on the scene in minutes. If you were mayor, wouldn't you?!!

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | **03.03.05 - 1:44 pm** | <#>

Sunlover what do you think about Chiles Jr dropping out.

Me2 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:46 pm** | <#>

As I posted earlier, I think its a good thing. He was muddling the race. If he is serious about public service he should run for the legislature next year. Get some experience, then Bud Chiles won't just be coasting on his dead daddy's name!

Sunlover1 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:48 pm** | <#>

The Democrat bench in Florida is rally lacking.

Whis are the Democrats running for Governor?

Rod Smith, Scott Maddox

Do you think Betty Castor will jump in?

Me2 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:52 pm** | <#>

I don't think anybody not from NYC or its suburbs can fully appreciate Giuliani on 9-11.

We were scared to death that day. The media here was reporting so many things that turned out not to be true (State dept in DC gone, UN car bombing, bridges and Empire St Bldg targeted, etc).

Giuliani's press conferences were blunt but reassuring. He made us feel a bit better by just being in charge and clarifying facts.

Maybe Koch or Dinkins would have just as well, but Giuliani was there and did a great job, even if it was mostly rhetoric.

pequod1021 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 1:52 pm** | <#>

Rep. Jim Davis of Tampa is running. Maddox has not announced plans, but I think he will stay put as party chair. Davis and Rod Smith are both EXCELLANT candidates. I still have a feeling that Bob Graham will pull an 11th hour surprise in 06 and enter the race a la Chiles in 90. If that takes place, Smith would probably run for AG, and Davis remain in Congress. No, I don't think Betty Castor will run. Her daughter, Hillsborough Co. Comm. Kathy Castor might run for Davis" cd, so Betty would demure from running for office. Betty Castor WAS a great public servent, but her day has LONG since passed.

Sunlover1 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:00 pm** | <#>

Unless my Graham scenario comes to pass, I'm currently supporting Jim Davis for Governor!

Sunlover1 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:04 pm** | <#>

Sunlover Hasn't Graham already served two terms as Governor and Florida has a two term limit

Me2 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:05 pm** | <#>

Didnt Jim Davis draw Garfield?

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:08 pm** | <#>

Jim Davis will most likely be the Dem nominee for Governor in 2006. I seriously doubt Graham will jump back in the race, but if he does, he will win.

The most likely race now, Davis V. Charlie Crist, would be close but I think Davis could pull it off. Though Crist has a lot of experience(he's current State AG), he's not exactly a household name among regular people in the State and he's not surrounded by Hispanics (not that Davis is, but still) so it'll be close, but he'll be edged out.

Alexander J | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:08 pm** | <#>

FL law states that you cannot serve more than two CONSECUTIVE terms as Gov. Graham flirted with the idea of running in 98 and 02. He loved being Gov, much better than Sen. He has spent his entire adult life in politics (since 1966), when he gets back early next year from his teaching stint at Harvard, he will become restless and bored!

Sunlover1 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:12 pm** | <#>

Did more than 4 people go see that Garfield movie? Even Jennifer Love Hewitt couldn't get me into the theatre to see that pile of fecal matter.

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:14 pm** | <#>

I wonder if Jeb Bush can come back and run for Governor.

Me2 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:21 pm** | <#>

I saw "Garfield," on the last Friday before the last day of school.

Other than Bill Murray, the movie was a stinker. Odie just wasn't believable.

PROUD DEM | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:25 pm** | <#>

Don't underestimate Jim Davis. In 1996, ex-Tampa Mayor Sandy Freedman did just that. He was a state Rep. (a former House Majority Leader) from a district in south Tampa. Freedman had been a popular, well known mayor (1985-95), and was the instant frontrunner when Sam Gibbons retired. Hillsborough Co. Comm. Phyllis Busansky, and ex-State Sen. Pat Frank also entered the race. Davis was the least known. BUT, by waging a great campaign he edged out Busansky by 200 votes to finish second. He then overtook Freedman in the runoff. And then went on to beat Gibbons 92/94 GOP opponent by a larger margin than Sam did.

Sunlover1 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:27 pm** | <#>

JEB would be eligible to run for FL Gov again in 2010

Sunlover1 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:28 pm** | <#>

While it is true that Bob Graham could legally run for Governor, I do not think there is any chance of that happening whatsoever, and may just be sunlover's wishful thinking.

Graham would have been the strongest candidate for the Dems in FL in 1998 and 2002 but from what I understand he really hurt his popularity in FL by his ill-advised Presidential campaign in which he moved hard to the left.

I believe that Graham has run for his last office.

Rudy Giuliani certainly did do a great job in reassuring NYC in the aftermath of 9/11.

Somebody mentioned that any Mayor would have acted the exact same way. I cannot disagree more.

Dinkins always had that aloof presence where it seemed like he would rather be watching a tennis match. I remember that he once wore a helmet that made Michael Dukakis's tank ride look completely in place.

The name of Mayor Daley of Chicago was mentioned. While I admit that he he does have many good political and administrative qualities, he would certainly not have been the calming presence that Rudy was in NYC. Daley would have been on tv, completely panicked, and sweating, and stammering, and butchering the English language. That doesn't mean he wouldn't be up to managing a crisis, it just means that he would not have had the reassuring qualities that Rudy exhibited.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:30 pm** | <#>

Garfield is one of the worst cartoons ever created, right next to Beatle Bailey.

The Ghost of Tom Joad | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:30 pm** | <#>

Bill Murray can make great movies like "Lost in Translation" and "Rushmore" and then make crap like "Garfield" and "Larger than Life"

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:31 pm** | <#>

I'm starting to get the feeling that the GOP will nominate Toni Jennings for FL Governor. Todays article in the St. Pete Times shows this.

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:31 pm** | <#>

I would prefer Jennings in the Senate.

Me2 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:33 pm** | <#>

Me2, did you really get every single Senate race right in 2004? If so, I salute you.

I got every one correct but one.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:34 pm** | <#>

Bill Murray is of course a huge Chicago Cubs fan.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:35 pm** | <#>

If you check the old postings during the election it will confirm it.

I was the first one to put Alaska in the lean GOP column in the last days of the election.

I was especially proud that I predicted that Vitter would get 51%.

Me2 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:36 pm** | <#>

Corey your partisan feelings toward Rich are showing. I even disagree with your assessment of Dinkins. To say he would have watched a tennis match instead of leading the city is down right insulting. Dinkins was a lousy mayor, but in times of crisis people often rise to the occasion. If I were mayor I would have just instinctively done what Guilani did. No brainer!

In March 1989 anybody thinking that recently retired U.S. Sen. Lawton Chiles would be running for governor a year later would have also been accused of wishful thinking.

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:37 pm** | <#>

I was predicting a Murkowski win in Alaska here last March. I never waived from that one.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:39 pm** | <#>

JEB is grooming Toni for Governor. She has never shown any interest in national politics.

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:39 pm** | <#>

I think Guiliani did a great job after 9-11. I don't think he is the only one who could have done that good of a job. Read "Prayer for the City" about Ed Rendell's first term as mayor of Philly--he was at the bedside everytime a cop was shot in the line of duty and showed up at the opening of just about any business in the city. He was truly a 24 hour mayor and there is no doubt that had something like that happened in Philly Rendell would have performed at least as well as Rudy did in NYC.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:41 pm** | <#>

Under Coreys definition I guess Dr. Phil should be NYC Mayor! He is a very calming presence!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:42 pm** | <#>

1. I never said that Dinkins would have watched a tennis match instead. I just said that was his demeanor. Of course he was not Mayor during 9/11, so we will never know, but I doubt he could have had the capacity to be as reassuring and courageous appearing as Giuliani did.

2. Nothing against Daley in a partisan sense. Republicans like many things about him. He just is not a calm person though. He is not good on television. I think he is a genuine person but he would have been an emotional wreck in public had 9/11 happened in Chicago.

3. I bet that Chiles was quite a bit younger in 1990 than Graham is now. Besides, Graham really hurt himself politically by his Presidential bid and moving so far to the left, in a state that is trending more and more Republican.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:44 pm** | <#>

I was NEVER a fan of Dick Greco, but if some disaster had befallen Tampa, I am very confident that he would have led the city through the crisis.

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:45 pm** | <#>

It's hard to win for Senate when you have to avoid's your party's presidential nominee like the plague. I don't know if any Republican candidates were avoiding Bush the way the Democratic ones were avoiding Kerry (of course, all the Rep candidates were of red states anyways)

Moderate Mark | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:46 pm** | <#>

I think that if there was any chance in hell that Bob Graham might be a potential candidate for Governor of Florida, that Floridian Ron Gunzburger would be including him among the potentials on the Florida page of this website.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:50 pm** | <#>

Not really, Chiles retired because of "burnout", and had major heart surgery in 85. He even suffered from depression. He was in his 60's then. Graham will only be 70, but he, unlike Chiles, knows the office and its perks. Graham's popularity slipped a little, but would have easily defeated Bill McCollom last year (Martinez wouldn't have run). Plus, I'm sure Graham has plenty of left over campaign cash, in addition to his personal wealth.

Granted, he would'nt win like he used to (over 60%), but he could and would win by 6 or 7 points likely.

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:51 pm** | <#>

Sunlover, I believe you are incorrect about Chiles' age. You said he was in his 60s in 1990. That means he would have been born in the 1920's and I am pretty sure he was born in the 1930s, the same as Graham. I think he was more than 10 years younger then, than Graham is now. I am sure somebody will go and look for Lawton's birth date now.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:55 pm** | <#>

If P1 had existed in 89, I doubt Chiles would have made the list either. I don't know what criteria Ron uses. I am just guessing, but I know how much a political animal Graham is, and he loved being Gov, and has considered a comeback before. Add to that the Chiles precedent. In fact I mention it in as many Dem circles as possible. Bob Graham is the one Dem that would be a near certain winner.

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:56 pm** | <#>

No use debatin' my age fellas--I'm dead!

Lawton Chiles | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:56 pm** | <#>

Chiles was born in 1930 I believe

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:57 pm** | <#>

I think that if somebody is any kind of possibility whatsoever in FL Dem politics, than Ron Gunzburger will know about it. Let me go on record and say this: Bob Graham and his diaries are not running for Governor.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:58 pm** | <#>

Anyway, age would NEVER be used as an issue against Graham in Florida, Hell most of the state is over 65!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 2:59 pm** | <#>

OK, Corey, go ahead, but I appeal to Ron Gunzberger to list Graham!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:00 pm** | <#>

Send Ron an email (publisher@politics1.com) and see if he does it.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:01 pm** | <#>

He did in 2002, for a while, if my memory is correct

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:05 pm** | <#>

2006 aint 2002.

Which proves my point. If it was a possibility, he would have already.

Come on, let's put some money on this!

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:06 pm** | <#>

Corey, you may have just inspired me to start a DRAFT GRAHAM 2006 website.

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:07 pm** | <#>

If you are so hung up on Bob Graham, that must say something about the weakness of the Dem field.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:09 pm** | <#>

It COULD happen, but it may not. Regardless, Bob Graham is a giant in FL politics. We still have two great candidates in Davis and Smith!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:12 pm** | <#>

What's so great about Smith? Is he only a State Senator and not in the leadership? Does he have much of a base throughout the entire state without having ever run statewide before? What part is he from?

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:14 pm** | <#>

OK Corey the "too old" comment coming from the mouthpiece of a party that with a straight face insisted that 94yr. old Strom Thurmond was not too old to be reelected to another 6yr. term in the Senate doesn't seem too genuine

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:16 pm** | <#>

We had two good candidates in 1990 as well. Then Rep. Bill Nelson and State Sen. George Stuart. Either would have beat Bob Martinez in the general. BUT, a LEGENDARY figure, an 800lbs gorilla so to speak, entered the race to guarantee it (plus he was bored). Flash forward 16 years, Two good candidates Davis and Smith, either of whom could potentially win the general another Legendary 800 lbs gorilla could be looming. But, I know I'm wasting my time. Corey KNOWS for certain that whatever GOPer that is nominated will win in a landslide with 90% of the vote. We may even rename the state to BUSH!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:18 pm** | <#>

drjay said: "if whitman were interested i'd think she could win in nj--although i don't know how excited the national party would be by her"

Everyone here in NJ has pretty much washed there hands of ole Christie Whitman. Between the public believing she is the cause of the fiscal mess we're in and that fact that many GOPers were glad to see her go to D.C., she wouldn't have a shot. There was a time though, but that time has long passed.

She actually had Whitman for U.S. Senate signs all printed and then decided not to proceed with a campaign announcement. Word from a friend on the inside was that she was tired of all the fundraising/ass kissing and just wanted to let it go. She didn't have the fire in her belly at that time. Also, it could have been the fact that she saw Corzine's massive wallet looming on the horizon in 2000.

Atticus | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:19 pm** | <#>

I didnt say anything about Graham being too old. I just am saying that he is not going to run.

Scott, do you think that Graham might run for Governor?

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:19 pm** | <#>

Before his election to state senate, Rod Smith was the elected State Attorney for the circuit that includes Gainesville. He prosecuted Danny Rolling, the serial killer that terrorized the Uof F in 89-90. Talk about a terrorized community that was it. I didnt go to UF but was attending another college in the state and saw the fear first hand from kids who transferred from UF out of fear.

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | 03.03.05 - 3:23 pm | <#>

I was just kidding you about the age thing Corey
Not being from FL like Sunlover is my opinion might not be too valid but I think he would not run in the end.
1998 probably would have been the best time for him to make a return to the gov. mansion (Buddy McKay could have been pushed aside that year)and he chose to run again for the Senate.

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 3:23 pm | <#>

Smith can definiely run as the "tough on crime" candidate, which is why I would prefer him to run for AG instead.

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | 03.03.05 - 3:25 pm | <#>

Who were you for last time, Sunlover, Janet Reno, McBride, or Daryl Jones?

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 3:26 pm | <#>

Graham though about running in 98, but AG Bob Butterworth should have pushed Buddy aside that year.

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | 03.03.05 - 3:27 pm | <#>

Not a great field last time. I was for Pete Peterson until he dropped out. Then it became an "anybody but Reno" issue, so I supported my fellow Tampan, Bill McBride. As I stated earlier, I like experienced candidates, but Reno was poison (just like Hillary).

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | 03.03.05 - 3:30 pm | <#>

Corey, did you vote for George Ryan in 98??

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:33 pm** | <#>

Yes, indeed.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:34 pm** | <#>

Russ Feingold is a fool!

Adam | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:34 pm** | <#>

Any Regrets????

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:36 pm** | <#>

No regrets, but it was the right vote at the time.

If I knew then what I know now, I would have preferred it to have gone the other way, but since I did not know that then, I really have nothing to regret.

I do keep the volunteer work I did on that campaign off my resume though!

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:38 pm** | <#>

The fact that the FCC wants to crack down on blogs shows how much ignorance there is on the issue of blogs. The media makes it sound like blogs are some kind of "mystical world" where only geeky computercrats can analyze data. The truth is that there are millions of people (myself included) who just like to look at information about a particular topic or topics and give our opinion about them. Nothing more nothing less...

Justin Ready | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:41 pm** | <#>

yea, just think if Poshard had won, you would have been spared Ryan AND Blago!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:42 pm** | <#>

I can proudly say that even though I was a Republican once I never voted for John Ashcroft

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 3:42 pm | <#>

true true, and Poshard may have only have been a one termer and would have been defeated by Jim Ryan, who was unfairly hurt because of his last name.

Poshard is a social conservative but he probably would have been pretty tight with Speaker Madigan, who holds the real power in Springfield, whereas Blagojevich and Madigan despise each other.

A lot of conservatives in the state, who do not put primacy on Republicans winning elections like I do, are praising Blagojevich because of the enemies he has made. I would rather see him lose reelection though.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 3:45 pm | <#>

Cudos Scott!

Well time for me to head on out, and try to get some work done at home. Later

Sunlover1 | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 3:45 pm | <#>

Bye SL, keep those Graham dreams alive.

Scott, did you vote for Alan Wheat in 1994?

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 3:47 pm | <#>

As they say at Disney "Dreams do come true", bye

Sunlover1 | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 3:49 pm | <#>

I voted for the Libertarian in 1994

don't tell Demogog though

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 3:49 pm | <#>

Ah, Disney, it will be a real Cinderella Story when the beautiful Katherine Harris is elected to the U.S. Senate.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:49 pm** | <#>

If Katherine Harris is Cinderella I'd hate to see the evil stepsisters!

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:51 pm** | <#>

Tamara Millay?

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:51 pm** | <#>

Where is everybody today?

I am on four hours of sleep, and I don't feel like working too hard today.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 3:59 pm** | <#>

I'm here for now

I'll have meetings the last two hours of work today though

Feel free to discuss Kenny Rogers beards in politics without me though.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 4:00 pm** | <#>

Alan Wheat... now there was a great candidate... I did precinct walking for him... had he only defeated Ashcroft, what a different world...

sku | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 4:00 pm** | <#>

"the beautiful Katherine Harris"...

I seem to recall Katherine Harris' frequent TV appearances co-incided with the time I realized I'm gay. hahahaha! No, seriously....

LOL!

VCUMIKE | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 4:01 pm** | <#>

Had you gotten the chance to meet Katherine Harris, she might have made you switch

teams, ha.

Too bad I passed a chance to meet her because I had a dentist appointment. It was a brunch for the local Republican Womens' Organization, and I might have been the only male in the room, and certainly the youngest. She probably would have been very nice.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 4:03 pm | <#>

Democratic or Republican...I'm still trying to figure out the sexual appeal of Katherine Harris.

The way this woman puts on make-up, you might think she has stock in a blush company. I wouldn't use Larry in Nevada's c*ck to f*ck her!

Atticus | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 4:05 pm | <#>

brilliant Atticus! Just brilliant!

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 4:07 pm | <#>

Anybody who does not find Katherine Harris desirable is either gay, a rabidly partisan Democrat, or both.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 4:09 pm | <#>

[raises hand] Right here! Don't get me wrong, I think drag queens are great, but just not my thing...

VCUMIKE | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 4:11 pm | <#>

Come on check her out with the friend she goes to bars with:

<http://harris.house.gov/Photos/?...s/? PhotoID=1984>

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 4:12 pm | <#>

As I noted, partisanship has absolutely nothing to do with it...believe me. I'm willing to acknowledge a hot GOPer when I see one....and speaking of, you should have seen the former NJ GOP State Executive Director....

Atticus | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 4:12 pm** | <#>

Here's something I bet we can all agree on...the worst political discussions EVER take place at the gym. Men, women, left, right whatever, whenever a political discussion begins at the gym, its all incredibly inaccurate. In no other place, will you hear the talking points of Pat Robertson and Noam Chomsky as if they're verbatim truth. It gets on my nerves to no end. God forbid they find out I have a BS in Poli Sci. I'll be asked to comment on all kinds of ridiculous crap.

VCUMIKE | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 4:14 pm** | <#>

That's precisely why I don't go to the gym.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 4:15 pm** | <#>

Jeez Corey

I think that lady's "after" picture would be Star Jones, scary!

And btw I find lots of GOP women hot--including Mrs. John Thune, Erin Zweigart, the Bush twins, etc.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 4:16 pm** | <#>

Well, also considering the time I go I also get the "Best of" collection of what the old man on the machine next to me has to say...

VCUMIKE | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 4:17 pm** | <#>

Met up with some of my fraternity brothers in town last weekend. Many are now Republicans. One conversation I found amusing was with a friend who couldn't actually give me a reason of why he voted for GWB other than saying:

"All I know is that if someone gets attacked here, that guy is going go get 'em and kill 'em."

Mind you we are 12 years out of college. Ah...deep thoughts.

Atticus | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 4:20 pm** | <#>

Look at this guy trying to get close. Who can blame him?

<http://harris.house.gov/Photos/?...s/? PhotoID=2444>

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 4:23 pm** | <#>

"Do you solemnly swear to be the hottest thing on Capitol Hill?"

<http://harris.house.gov/Photos/?...s/? PhotoID=3152>

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 4:24 pm** | <#>

"Do you solemnly swear to be the hottest thing on Capitol Hill?"

Was that a dead ferret wrapped around her wrist?

Atticus | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 4:30 pm** | <#>

Corey I serious must question your standards on women if you think Congresswomen Harris is hot.

Me2 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 4:41 pm** | <#>

I guess you people just cannot appreciate a real woman like Katherine.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 4:48 pm** | <#>

No, no you're all wrong. The hottest woman in politics today is Mary McDonald as Colonial President Laura Roslin on the new Sci-Fi Channel series Battlestar Galactica. Yes, I realize I sound like a nerd, and I don't care! That show kicks ass and so does Mary McDonald!!

VCUMIKE | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 4:54 pm** | <#>

the new battlestar can't hold up to lorne greene, dirk benedict, et al

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 5:10 pm** | <#>

Isn't Mary McDonald the one that's on West Wing too?

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 5:11 pm** | <#>

its mary mconnell and she in her 50's!!!

she was the one that called costner dungbear in dances w/ wolves

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 5:12 pm** | <#>

why can't y'all like young hot chicks--whats w/ the geriatric women

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 5:13 pm** | <#>

its like demagogue and his thing for sebelius

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 5:14 pm** | <#>

Republicans, of likely contenders, who do you think would be the strongest Democratic candidate in '08?

Dems, same question as to GOP candidate?

I tend to think McCain or Hagel would be strongest, though I think both Jeb and Frist would be contenders.

sku | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 5:15 pm** | <#>

Sebelius is just matronly. Katherine Harris is milferly.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 5:15 pm** | <#>

she's older than my mother

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 5:15 pm** | <#>

i think bayh would be a strong opponent--gore could be a contender--he had had a lot of people vote for him--or so i recall

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 5:17 pm | <#>

Herseth is young.
The Bush twins are young
Alexandra Kerry is young.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 5:18 pm | <#>

you're right scott--mainly i was giving corey grief about k. harris

i think every one knows how i feel about herseth

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 5:19 pm | <#>

Last year, there were all kinds of people here who were agreeing with me about Katherine Harris. Where are they this year?

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 5:21 pm | <#>

i know jay
and i get crap for liking Alexandra Kerry--but she has a sophisticated look to her. That's probably why I like the young Barbara Bush better than her sister Jenna, while Jenna is hot Barbara has more panache

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 5:22 pm | <#>

I don't have any problems with Jenna Bush, but how come she doesn't know how to applaud like a normal person?

Besides for Jenna and Barbara Bush, are any of you familiar with the actress Sophia Bush?

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 5:25 pm | <#>

never heard of her Corey
Is she Billy Bush's sister?

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 5:28 pm | <#>

should say
never heard of her

gotta go, nite all

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 5:28 pm | <#>

Mike is gay so his admiration of Mary McDonnell comes from a "different place".
I have a gay friend who always says Stockard Channing is the one woman who could
change him
WTF?!?!

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 5:31 pm | <#>

Scott, Sophia Bush is on a television series. If you ever get a chance, do a Google search.
The Bush name is well represented.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 5:34 pm | <#>

I am so bored, I wish PEI was here, just to keep me entertained until I get to leave in an
hour.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 5:39 pm | <#>

kathrine harris...WOOF!

Casey4Senate | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 5:41 pm | <#>

Vote Oberweis!!!

Vote for the Ober-furher!!

Corey for Dog-Catcher!!!

Arch-Conservative | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 5:42 pm | <#>

You guys must have real bad taste if your getting a hard on over Katherine Harris.

Devon | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 5:43 pm | <#>

Jeez, when I have a choice of seeing the last reflected sun rays or spending a couple of hours reading all that stuff above, I might for once pick the former.

But for those who want my trivia questions (both of you), here they are again in brief:

Today's

(1) what is the greatest number of ex-Presidents at one time? and when?
(ex-Presidents meaning the 41 people who preceded George W. Bush under the U.S. Constitution of 1787-9.)

(2) [bonus] how many times have there been no ex-Presidents?

(3) [extra non-credit research and discussion topic strictly confined to certifiably demented trivia geeks] Do these answers change by counting ex-Presidents of Pennsylvania, California, Texas, Hawaii, the Philippine Commonwealth, the Confederacy, the Continental Congress, the Confederate constitutional convention, etc., etc.?

Tomorrow's

(a) What is the greatest number of succeeding Presidencies that an ex-President (as in [1] above) has lived to see?

(b) [bonus] How many Presidents have died before their immediate successors left office?

(c) [extra] Does including other kinds of ex-President change the answers to (a) and (b)?

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 5:52 pm** | <#>

one, two, three, four

FIF!

Danny Boy | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 5:57 pm** | <#>

Also, Corey,

Will Rick Santorum be sending an endorsement when you announce your pro-woof campaign for Cook County Dog Catcher?

See:

[DSD's feeble attempt at humor](#)

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 5:58 pm | <#>

Oh danny boy

The pipes, the pipes are calling you

Tis I must go but you should never stay.

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 6:02 pm | <#>

HEY EVERYONE, LETS START A PETITION TO GET MULLPAC
TO RETURN. HE DOES THE COOLEST POSTS !!!!!!!!!!!

yeahhh

yeaaaaaaaaahhhhhhhhhhh

YEAHHHHHHHH

YEAAHHHHHHHHHHHAARRGGGGHHH

Legions of Fans | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 6:04 pm | <#>

YRAAAAARRRRGGGGGGHHHHHHH

for all the Deaniacs

YEEEEEEEEHHHHH HAANNNHHHH

for the Bush co.

Everyone get on you feet

Legions of Fans | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 6:06 pm | <#>

MULLPAC !!!!! MULL- PACC

MULL-PAC !!!!!!! MULLPAC !!!!

Legions of Fans | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 6:07 pm** | <#>

Rick Santorum will indeed support me for Dog Catcher because I am opposed to any debauchery involving man on dog or dog on man, and I am committed to the sacred union of one male dog and one female dog.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 6:14 pm** | <#>

Answer to a: 5
according to my research that happened 3 times
March 4th 1861 to the death of ex-president Tyler on January 18th 1862
van Buren, Tyler, Fillmore, Pierce, Buchanan.
President at that time was ofcourse Lincoln

January 20th 1993 to April 22nd 1994
Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, GHW Bush,
until Nixon's death

January 20 2001,
Ford, Carter, Reagan, GHW Bush, Clinton,
until Reagan's death

Johannes | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 6:29 pm** | <#>

oh and bonus 6 times

Johannes | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 6:30 pm** | <#>

Applying to sku's post, I think that for this nation, were John McCain to make it through the Republican Primaries, it is doubtful he could be beaten.

The problem is making it through the Primaries, and Bill Frist, Rick Santorum, Bill Owens, Gov. Sanford of SC, and even Guiliani would do better then him and sweep to the nomination.

I think Governor Sanford, because of his young age (he was born in 1960) but strong experience (a Congressman and a Governor) would also be one of the most formidable

opponents and any Dem who doesn't think so is seriously underestimating the young man who could come out like some kind of Bill Clinton and win landslides.

As for the Democrats, our bench is pretty thin so far. Evan Bayh might be a strong candidate if he could just get a little more excited and energetic about it. There's also Governors Bredesen, Vilsack, and Richardson. Al Gore could do it with the right message at the right time (like Nixon in 1968) but as of right now it's kind of doubtful.

And Hillary Clinton would lose in a landslide and never, ever take the VP spot, so she's on top and losing or she stays in the Senate (which I recommend).

We'll see though.

Alexander J | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 7:19 pm** | <#>

And by the way, Katherine Harris is friggin gross looking. Stephanie Herseth is the finest woman in Congress and that's a fact.

Alexander J | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 7:20 pm** | <#>

Stephanie Herseth is cute in the girl next door kind of way.

Katherine Harris is a sophisticated and alluring woman.

No comparison, but anyways, enough of that today.....

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 7:23 pm** | <#>

I am saddened to hear that Max Fisher, the founder of the Republican Jewish Coalition has passed away at age 96.

He has been a prominent philanthropist and businessman who was committed to the Republican Party and the Jewish community and was an ally and friend of many Presidents.

He was also the father of well-known AIDS activist Mary Fisher.

As I said on Daniel's blog under this news, condolences to his family, the family of the mother of Sen. Russ Feingold who has passed away as well, the family of Congresswoman Tillie Fowler, Judge Joan Lefkowitz, and everyone else is mourning a loss this week.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 7:26 pm** | <#>

Now that the confirmation battles are heating up, be sure to bookmark ConfirmThem.com. In the spirit of full disclosure, I am a contributor to the site. I would be plugging it even if I were not, though, because this is an issue that I have long thought deserved more media attention. The site will be following the various confirmation battles and is building a list of links and other features to keep readers up to date on the latest news regarding the confirmation hearings and related activities.

<http://www.ConfirmThem.com>

Me2 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 7:34 pm** | <#>

While some of our Republican friends hereabouts say the incredibly surging budget deficit doesn't bother them at all, one of the nations best known GOPers is scared to death. Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan is so frightened by the budget monster that he is now advocating, get this, a national sales tax! God the apostasy! Well at least Greenie Alan didn't dare interfere with the Millionaires tax cuts of Bush term one and as we all know a sales tax falls most heavily on the poor. But hey, come on, I mean how much courage do we expect from a cornered Right Winger. Ah the hell with Greenspan. Lets hear it for the "conservative" bloggers here! Screw the deficit! We aint afraid of nothin'! What a hoot!

Cynical Cid | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 8:02 pm** | <#>

I agree the Republicans and Bush have allowed the budget deficit to grow to much. The tax Cuts were to big especially with the money that we are spending on the war.

But blame must also go to the Democrats who are unwilling to cut useless and over grown federal programs and seem to want to oppose any alternative to cutting the deficit.

Me2 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 8:09 pm** | <#>

Bushs proposed "cuts" are marginal at best and would have little effect upon the deficit which you rightly point out are driven by the expenditures on the war ,as well as the lack of revenues to fund existing fedral obligations,i e his huge tax cuts. While not absolving the Democrats,many Republicans in Congress and particularly among the Governors have criticized his spending priorities.Of course what should be done is that all these "patriotic" Republicans could help solve some of this by supporting a tax surcharge to support the war as LBJ did (albeit reluctantly) in Vietnam.That would do a hell of a lot more for the country than all their flag waving,bumper stickers and flowery speechmaking.

Cynical Cid | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 8:25 pm** | <#>

oh please a consumption tax as i've seen it proposed would not be regressive b/c a rebate would be given equivalent to the percent tax on poverty level earning

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 8:45 pm** | <#>

and mark sanford isn't even that popular in south carolina

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 8:47 pm** | <#>

Hey drjay werent you saying the other day that the deficit didnt bother you?Now its bothering you so much you are defending a tax increase!As you say,"oh please."

Cynical Cid | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 8:48 pm** | <#>

and no i'm not overly concerned abput deficits--we do need to make sure however that foreign gov't don't put a currency squeeze on us

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 8:48 pm** | <#>

i'm not in favor of a tax increase--i would be all for john linder's plan to replace the income tax w/ a nat'l sales tax

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 8:51 pm** | <#>

Fuck Russ Feingold!
I'm obviosuly not supporting him.

Go Bob Casey!

DemoGog | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 8:51 pm** | <#>

So you are against all tax increases right?Whew! For a moment I thought I was going to have to call Grover Norquist and tell him the Republicans had a putative congressional candidate who was straying off the "what me worry?" reservation.Hell yeh ,who is Greenspan anyway and what the f*** does he know!

Cynical Cid | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 8:56 pm** | <#>

But you are all in favor of spending zillions in Iraq right? Because after all you are a "patriot" right?

Cynical Cid | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 8:57 pm** | <#>

do fact of the matter is we are in Iraq and committed to staying and spending what we have to--and revenue is not a zero sum game--we doubled revenues in the 80's w/ reagan's tax cuts

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:01 pm** | <#>

How about hundred dollar a barrel oil doc ? Does that worry you? Its comin. Gas prices up around three, four bucks a gallon . I know I know if them damn Dems would just let all those Texas oil guys dig in ANWR, why hell we could bring that price down to ninety seven fifty or so quick!

Cynical Cid | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:01 pm** | <#>

i know deficits increased under reagan but we were trying to win the cold war and entitlements were out of control

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:02 pm** | <#>

Hey you already sounding like a head in the sand Republican Congressional candidate, an irrelevant answer! Now let me make sure I understand you. We should spend whatever it takes in Iraq and you are not willing to entertain the thought of raising money to pay for it, right? What in the hell does Reagans tax ciuts have to do with it?

Cynical Cid | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:04 pm** | <#>

once Iraq is stabilized oil prices will come down--and i've been given the impression that we could be independent of middle eastern oil in a matter of months if the need arised but it really is to our benefit to use theres up and save ours for a rainy day

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:04 pm** | <#>

the point cyd is raising taxes does not necesarrily increase revenues and decreasing them does not necesarrily decrease revenue

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:06 pm** | <#>

and i'm only a candidate if barrow stays in the 12th and burns opts not to run again

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:07 pm** | <#>

drjay-

Are you seriously considering a run? What are your chances?

pequod1021 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:12 pm** | <#>

Hey Reagan is the one who increased taxes to shore up Social Security in 1983.Dont you think Bush ought to take a page from the Gippers book.As for your assertion that oil prices coming down as a result of a stabilized Iraq.Thats Paul Wolfowitz talk not worthy of serious discussion.Besides McCain et al say it may be "years" before Iraq is "stabilized."And of course the question is not Middle Eastern oil per se,its world prices.

Cynical Cid | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:13 pm** | <#>

pequod i am semi seriously considering a run--i really don't like john barrow--i know thats shallow--but there you go--i would not run against burns--i'm not sure what other podunk state senator or county comm might consider a run--but i've been active in local politics most of my adult life and was the legislative liaison for the american student dental asooc. in dental school--my wife is a precinct chair in chatham county--also i've lived in both augusta and sav'h for considerable amts. of time

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:25 pm** | <#>

and yes cyd some hard choices are gonna have to be made about social security--raising the income ceiling or benefit age or lowering benefits are all on the table at some point--which are all good reasons to allow for some personal control over the investing of some of our own money to offset those hardships

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:28 pm** | <#>

our state convention is this weekend and i'll begin to gauge interest then

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:29 pm** | <#>

REELECT JOHN BARROW 2006!

I don't really know who he is
I don't really know what he stands for
I probably couldn't even pick him out of a police lineup.

But if DrJ is his opponent, I will eagerly send a \$100 check priority mail to the Barrow '06 campaign. I will camp out overnight at the post office, I will run over squirrels and skunks, to make sure he gets that check

Moderate Mark | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:29 pm** | <#>

Hell, I'll even hitchhike to Georgia

Moderate Mark | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:31 pm** | <#>

Denist aren't Doctors

Me2 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:32 pm** | <#>

Regarding FEC regulation of blogs and Ron's bemoaning the decline of the First Amendment and robust free press, I'd say we headed down that road when Congress first embraced campaign finance "reform" in the 70s, and that we went into high gear down that road in 2003 when Congress passed (and the President unfortunately signed) the Bipartisan Campaign Finance Reform Act, also known as BCRA or McCain-Feingold. The wrong-headedness of Congress's entire approach to campaign finance regulation aside, a major defect of McCain-Feingold is the so-called "media outlet exception." Under BCRA, interest groups cannot mention the name of a political candidate in a paid advertisement over the airwaves within 30 days of a federal election. But Congress obviously had to carve out an exception for news coverage, which puts the FEC in the lamentable position of determining what is an "authentic" or "legitimate" news outlet and what is not, because what is to be done when the NRA or MoveOn.org or the Chamber of Commerce buys a TV station or a radio station? If they allowed to do this then they will mask their advocacy as "news broadcasts" and then McCain-Feingold will be worthless. But certifying news outlets as "legitimate" or "authentic" is what the government does in countries like Zimbabwe and Syria and North Korea and Russia. Do we really want to live in a country where the government is deciding what is a legitimate news outlet and what is not? Under McCain-Feingold and the current campaign finance regulations, we have no choice. So, Ron, in short, your good friend Russ Feingold is a big part of the

reason that the FEC is looking at regulating bloggers like you. And this whole diatribe represents one of many reasons why I believe that the entire current campaign finance regime should be scrapped in favor of no limits on contributions and full, instant disclosure.

John Hilton | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:32 pm** | <#>

Me2 is an anti-dentite!

pequod1021 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:33 pm** | <#>

thanks there me2--and mark i thought you liked me

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:33 pm** | <#>

mccain feingold is a pretty poorly conceived law in hindsight

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:34 pm** | <#>

and it is ironic that ron is drooling over feingold if its his silly law that may be putting blogs under the microscope

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:36 pm** | <#>

drjay-

Best of luck if you do run.

pequod1021 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:36 pm** | <#>

Drjay -- A few of us with powerful psychic abilities had the unbelievable prescience to recognize that...

John Hilton | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 9:37 pm** | <#>

sorry i meant our county convention is this weekend--state convention is in may--and its in sav'h this year

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 9:40 pm | <#>

I got nothing against you really DrJ. I just figured since everyone else was gonna be supportive and affirming, that I was gonna be negative and discouraging. That, and I'm an East Coast asshole too.

Moderate Mark | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 9:44 pm | <#>

that is an important role to fill mark

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 9:45 pm | <#>

In this day and age, I don't think there will be much uproar over the banishment or regulation of blogs. We see our rights going down the toilet every day. Gays can't marry because someone will get offended. People get detained in prison for indeterminate amounts of time because of their nationality. Lawn displays get torn down because people don't agree with them. If you connect the dots, we've been steadily losing our freedoms since the last day of the Clinton Administration. Now we just need to vote somebody into office who can stop that. I say Wesley Clark in 2008.

Neil | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 9:47 pm | <#>

Hey, if not me, who's gonna do it. Someone's gotta bring others back to reality

Moderate Mark | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 9:50 pm | <#>

I actually do have a rhetorical question for you DrJ. But I'll wait til tomorrow, Im sure we'll both be on

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Mark-

What's up with you using "Crying Kyle" over at New P1?

Did you and he have a sentimental moment?

pequod1021 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 10:15 pm | <#>

Yes we did.

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Nothin'. Kyle's a funny guy, good for a laugh every now and then. I just call him Cryin' Kyle because he likes to cry a lot

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BTW, 1029 aint me

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I'm Canadian!

Moderate Mark | Email | Homepage | **03.03.05 - 10:40 pm** | <#>

Al Gore 2008!

Michelle | Email | Homepage | **03.03.05 - 11:21 pm** | <#>

Hey whats up all. I havent been here in almost a month now

redwings | Email | Homepage | **03.03.05 - 11:30 pm** | <#>

I say

Someone Who Doesn't Support War For Spread of Democracy/2008

Hell in a Hand Basket | Email | Homepage | **03.03.05 - 11:41 pm** | <#>

That's one fight that could set off a monumental clash over a president's power to appoint judges versus the Senate's traditional respect for the rights of its minority members. Borrowing imagery from his youth, Reid has challenged Republicans to "go behind the pool hall and see who wins this one."

Chuckling, he said: "We could do some real harm."

YEAH! THAT'S RIGH LITTLE BITCH FRIST!!!

Hell in a Hand Basket | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.03.05 - 11:45 pm** | <#>

Boy, I thought I was delving too far back into Afro-American history (after Black History Month, the only 28-29 days out of 365-66 where this is officially sanctioned) to say that Booker T. Washington's approach of self-reliance and political quietism once enjoyed great support in the black community.

Now Washington's great antagonist Dr W.E.B. Du Bois is a figure of controversy, even though he must rank with Washington, Frederick Douglass and A. Philip Randolph as one of the true giants of the movement before the 1950's.

Some Republicans are opposed to honoring Du Bois because he renounced U.S. citizenship, became a Communist and moved to Ghana. (In fact the first time I heard of him myself was when he died in Ghana just as the March on Washington was moving in August 1963.)

These people probably still haven't got over the fact that the late Paul Robeson finally got a postage stamp, and that the late Ossie Davis received (while living) a Kennedy Center award.

(Jackie Robinson, however, is safe because he was a Republican, at least until the 1964 Goldwater Convention in San Francisco.)

Those who've followed this blog know that none of my views come from condoning Stalinism, or even Leninism or Trotskyism, as political ideologies: just see my long arguments against them with Ragnar Danashold.

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:08 am** | <#>

Rick Santorum will indeed support me for Dog Catcher because I am opposed to any debauchery involving man on dog or dog on man, and I am committed to the sacred union of one male dog and one female dog.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.03.05 - 6:14 pm | <#>

So will you propose, implement or enforce covenanted canine marriage in Cook County?

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:15 am** | <#>

I just finished watching Charlie Chaplins "The Great Dictator"

The jewish barbers speech at the end, when he is mistaken for Hymel and broadcasting a message to all the wolrd sounds alot like Bushs 2nd inugeral.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 12:16 am** | <#>

<http://www.ConfirmThem.com>

Me2 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:20 am** | <#>

Watching that powerful movie one understands the importance of liberty and if it isn't defended and propagated some one like Hitler (or Hymel) will take advantage of the situation to cause a world war.

Look at a map of the world. See how large the Soveit Blok was? Add in The area conquered by Hitler and Red China, Indochina, Korea.

Think of all the culminations of tyranny of the last centruy, the holocaut, the Ukraining famine, the Cultural Revolution, Pol Pot.

Humanity must be spared these things.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 12:20 am** | <#>

Paul Robeson sang for Stalin.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 12:22 am** | <#>

See Mitt Romney squirm.

[\[Massachusetts\] Stem cell bill seen heading to passage](#)

Backers seek margin to defeat possible veto

By Raphael Lewis and Janette Neuwahl,
[Boston] Globe Staff and Globe Correspondent | March 3, 2005

A bill encouraging human embryonic stem cell research in Massachusetts will probably pass both houses of the Legislature by the end of March, Democratic leaders predicted yesterday, but they remained unsure whether they can override an anticipated veto by Governor Mitt Romney, a Republican.

"By the end of this month, I'd like to have that bill on the governor's desk," House Speaker Salvatore F. DiMasi told members of the Jewish women's group Hadassah, which supports stem cell research. "I'm here to tell you that you have my support."

Senate President Robert E. Travaglini issued a similarly confident prediction and said for the first time that if the stem cell measure passes, he hopes to move on to more ambitious proposals that would devote state funds to the industry.

"The first phase is to authorize the research," Travaglini said. "The second phase will be to determine to what degree the Commonwealth can allocate financial resources specifically for this purpose."

Travaglini said the Senate has the two-thirds majority needed to override a gubernatorial veto, and he urged supporters to lobby House lawmakers to build a similar majority there. DiMasi declined to speculate on whether two-thirds of the House would agree to override a Romney veto, but Representative Daniel E. Bosley, who cochairs the committee presiding over the bill, said he expects the bill to pass handily.

Democrats hold overwhelming majorities in both houses, meaning that a party-line vote would override a gubernatorial veto.

But lobbying has heated up, with the Roman Catholic Church strongly opposing the measure because it believes it will endanger human embryos and lead to human cloning. Many legislators have said they need more time to understand the moral and ethical implications of the bill.

The bill the House and Senate are expected to pass does not include state money for stem cell research. Though stem cell research is taking place in Massachusetts, Travaglini and business leaders want to pass a law expressly permitting such work and allowing scientists to produce cloned human embryos for research as long as the embryos are never implanted in a womb. The lawmakers and business leaders say they want to encourage the growth of the industry here and continue to compete with California, which passed an unprecedented \$3 billion stem cell bond initiative last fall.

Romney, in Massachusetts and across the country, has denounced one aspect of Travaglini's bill that would specifically encourage the type of research known as therapeutic cloning, which involves producing an embryo

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:23 am** | <#>

I thought the left approved of regulating media.

You know to protect us from those bad, bad, evil corporation bent on our destruction.

Everyone wants a degree of regulation, absolute free speech is as practical as direct democracy, but everyone wants to regulate something they don't like.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 12:26 am** | <#>

DSD-

Have you ever seen "The Great Dictator"?

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[Mass. stem cell research bill, continued]

Romney, in Massachusetts and across the country, has denounced one aspect of Travaglini's bill that would specifically encourage the type of research known as therapeutic cloning, which involves producing an embryo and later destroying it to harvest stem cells.

But Shawn Feddeman, Romney's press secretary, said it would be incorrect to conclude that the governor would definitely veto Travaglini's bill. "The governor has taken a position based on principle, but we're not going to make predictions about a piece of legislation that may change or that may or may not even make it to his desk," Feddeman said.

Senator Jack Hart and Bosley, who cochair the committee that is considering the bill, said they expect a number of amendments to be debated on the floor before the measure comes up for a final vote. For example, lawmakers are strongly considering adding a provision to the bill to create a state umbilical cord blood bank to encourage a less controversial form of research using cord blood as a source of stem cells for future medical treatments.

A bill promoting stem cell research was blocked last year by Speaker Thomas M. Finneran, and this year it has again generated intense emotions on both sides of the issue. The bill's supporters say it will encourage research that can lead to cures of diseases such as Parkinson's and diabetes.

Opponents say the bill condones unethical science and relies on the destruction of human life.

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Charlie Chaplin | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:28 am** | <#>

Yes, I have seen "The Great Dictator", but it was many years ago. Most of Chaplin's movies were apolitical, but "The Great Dictator" and "Modern Times" are both great.

Charlie Chaplin was persona non grata here because of his political views (although I think he stayed away from the States more because of his reaction to McCarthyite restrictions than because of a specific government ban.)

Paul Robeson may have sung for Stalin, and he certainly had an understandably but unjustifiably rosy view of both Stalin and Stalin's USSR.

Charles Lindbergh socialized with Hermann Goering before World War Two, and Ezra Pound broadcast for Italian radio while Italy was at war with the U.S.

But their achievements in their own fields of endeavor should still be honored.

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unethical science? Please. It has the potential to save us from debilitating diseases. I think it's unethical to let people suffer when we can do something about it.

Plus, biotechnology is one of the top industries in my homestate. MA is 2nd only to CA. Thank goodness the legislature has the sense that Romney doesn't

Moderate Mark | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:38 am** | <#>

We should destroy our businesses and further disable sick people because of Romney's narrow-minded self-righteousness. I hope Mass. voters will throw him out on his ass in 2006

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But their achievements in their own fields of endeavor should still be honored.

Indeed. I saw Robeson singing for Stalin on a History Channel documentary.

Charlie Chaplin | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:58 am** | <#>

Lihdburg and Pound are still idolized in the Neo-Nazi movement today, even though Limburg never explicitly endorsed Nazi views. (his wife, kinda did though, making the comment that "this struggle is between the old and the new, the democratic and totalitarian")

Did Ezra Pound ever get a stamp?

Charlie Chaplin | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 1:01 am** | <#>

sorry, forgot to change my name.

But ya'll should know it was me, cause the little pauper never speaks.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 1:02 am** | <#>

I bet Josef Mengele said his experiments would save sick people too.

And help the economy.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 1:04 am** | <#>

Has anyone seen the PETA commercial at the slaughterhouse showing animals getting butchered, and at the end says "Choose vegetarianism." I think the people at PETA are absolutely sick, and it's disgusting that networks are airing it. It doesn't make me want to stop eating meat, rather it makes me want to punch a PETA member in the face.

Moderate Mark | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 1:07 am** | <#>

The mainstream left does still seem to honor Robeson, but I've never seen mainstream conservatives giving tribute to Ezra Pound.

Actually, Pound wrote for the New Masses before he turned to fascism. Which isn't too uncommon because Mussolini and Oswald Mosley were both Marxists before coming to fascism.

The far left always seems to know their true comrades are on the far right -- they both have a hostility to liberal democracy and capitalism and want to overthrow the entire social system to create a utopian one.

dudeman5685 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 1:08 am** | <#>

I feel the same away about pro-life groups that show pictures of dead aborted fetuses.
Cmon, have some decency

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 1:09 am** | <#>

Yeah, people who try to "shock" you into considering they're political views usually do it for thier own satisfaction.

Like people who protest naked or BS like that.

dudeman5685 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 1:12 am** | <#>

Do you really see no difference between Josef Megele and embryonic stem cell research?
It's too late for me, I'll let someone else take that one (if they want it)

Let's just be glad that the MA legislature is using common sense, rather than some religious notion of life

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 1:54 am** | <#>

Sir Oswald Mosley (Baronet) was a Socialist, sometimes identified with the left wing of the Labour Party, but he was never a Marxist.

He was closer to a Keynesian, advocating a protected economy (which Keynes didn't) and government spending to stimulate the economy, before Keynes himself had fully developed his own views.

Although left-wing, Mosley was never very big on the class struggle, from either the upper or lower class point of view, although he himself came from the landed gentry, went to public school and the Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst, and was a wounded veteran of World War One. His first campaign (as a very independent Tory) was for Socialist Imperialism, but he then drifted into the Labour Party.

When J. Ramsay Macdonald wouldn't accept his economic proposals, he resigned from the government and formed the New Party with John Strachey, Harold Nicolson and others (in a way vaguely similar to the SDP's founding fifty years later), including half a dozen sitting MP's, who all got trounced at the following General Election. The New Party did manage to draw away Labour votes in some constituencies and thus earn the bitter hatred of Labour loyalists, and Mosley eventually turned the New Party into a fascistic direction, as Strachey and the other liberals and social democrats drifted away,

and later founded the British Union of Fascists and National Socialists (BUF).

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You can be anything in the world, in God we trust
An architect, doctor, maybe an actress
But nothing comes easy it takes much practice
Like, I met a woman who's becoming a star
She was very beautiful, leaving people in awe
Singing songs, Lina Horn, but the younger version
Hung with the wrong person
Got her strung on that
Heroin, cocaine, sniffin up drugs all in her nose...
Coulda died, so young, now looks ugly and old
No fun cause now when she reaches for hugs people hold they breath
Cause she smells of corrosion and death
Watch the company you keep and the crowd you bring
Cause they came to do drugs and you came to sing
So if you gonna be the best, I'ma tell you how,
Put your hands in the air, and take a vow

NAS | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:26 am** | <#>

Be, B-Boys and girls, listen again
This is for grown looking girls who's only ten
The ones who watch videos and do what they see
As cute as can be, up in the club with fake ID
Careful, 'fore you meet a man with HIV
You can host the TV like Oprah Winfrey
Whatever you decide, be careful, some men be
Rapists, so act your age, don't pretend to be
Older than you are, give yourself time to grow
You thinking he can give you wealth, but so
Young boys, you can use a lot of help, you know
You thinkin life's all about smokin weed and ice
You don't wanna be my age and can't read and write
Begging different women for a place to sleep at night
Smart boys turn to men and do whatever they wish
If you believe you can achieve, then say it like this

I know I can (I know I can)
Be what I wanna be (be what I wanna be)
If I work hard at it (If I work hard at it)
I'll be where I wanna be (I'll be where I wanna be)

Be, be, 'fore we came to this country
We were kings and queens, never porch monkeys
There was empires in Africa called Kush
Timbuktu, where every race came to get books
To learn from black teachers who taught Greeks and Romans
Asian Arabs and gave them gold when
Gold was converted to money it all changed
Money then became empowerment for Europeans
The Persian military invaded
They heard about the gold, the teachings, and everything sacred
Africa was almost robbed naked
Slavery was money, so they began making slave ships
Egypt was the place that Alexander the Great went
He was so shocked at the mountains with black faces
Shot up they nose to impose what basically
Still goes on today, you see?
If the truth is told, the youth can grow
Then learn to survive until they gain control
Nobody says you have to be gangstas, hoes
Read more learn more, change the globe
Ghetto children, do your thing
Hold your head up, little man, you're a king
Young Princess when you get your wedding ring
Your man is saying "She's my queen"

They cant take away free speech from blogs, blogs are online on the Internet which is worldwide. If they try they might as well be as stupid as a horses ass.

George W Bush is only wanting this because there are plenty of blogs that are against him.

Geesh.

There are plenty more that are for him for god sake.

Its our only way to free speech.

OPPOSE THIS EFFORT. WRITE YOUR REPUBLICAN AND DEMOCRATIC
CONGRESSMAN TODAY. THE INTERNET SHOULD NOT BE REGULATED.

FREE SPEECH SHOULD ALWAYS EXIST.

On another solid note, John Hoeven and Casey probably would be tough fights for them two senators indeed.

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:31 am** | <#>

Its just over the whole GannonGuckertGate Bull that the government thinks there are a million eyes watching now withthe Internet and blogs.

This is why the government, regardless of anyone of any party or ideology, wants to intrude on a person's private life.

The american people need to stand up against this madness! The Internet should ALWAYS be free speech for ALL SIDES to EXPRESS THEIR OPINIONS. Cant f**king help it, elected officials! TOO F**KING BAD!

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:53 am** | <#>

In case anyone questions my last comment, It was only a bias toward the government (no pun intended even toward the government.)

LOL.....It was just a bias script i felt my free speech to do. But its out of my system.

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:03 am** | <#>

Mike_B and Moderate Mark, I'm sorry if you felt left out of parody, but you just don't have any notable quirks to parody.

DSDave, sorry for confusing you with Dagnar. As the only avowed socialists on this blog, you two can easily be confused.

Scott P, good satire posing as Lawton Chiles. (Next time, get rid of your "Homepage" link if you don't want anyone recognizing you.)

me2, since "confirmthem.com" is already your homepage link, your 12:20am post, consisting solely of a second link to this page, was wholly unnecessary.

DCJones | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 8:27 am** | <#>

Full answer to the "bonus" question from DSDave:

There were no living ex-Us Presidents during the following periods:

- 1.) Dec. 1799 - March 1801 (between the death of Washington and the swearing-in of Jefferson)
- 2.) July 1875 - March 1877 (between the death of A. Johnson and the swearing-in of Grant)
- 3.) June 1908 - March 1909 (between the death of Cleveland and the swearing-in of Taft)
- 4.) Jan. 1933 - March 1933 (between the death of Coolidge and the swearing-in of F. Roosevelt)
- 5.) Jan. 22, 1973 - Aug. 1974 (between the death of L. Johnson and the swearing-in of Ford)

Total: five times.

I did not include the (trivial) period of George Washington's presidency (April 1789 - March 1797), as there were obviously no ex-Presidents when the first President served.

DCJones | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 8:33 am** | <#>

One Year Ago Today, Arch-Conservative was still talking about how John Kerry could win the state of Utah and other extremely red states:

Thanks. John Kerry will win Utah the day Orrin Hatch wins a Source Award for his Hip Hop album.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.05.04 - 11:36 am | <#>

Today's Top Ten List

Top 10 Other Political Events more likely than Kerry winning Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana.

10. Michael Moore spends night in Lincoln Bedroom
9. Chuck Schumer tells tv camera crew he is too busy to talk to them
8. Bob Graham and Carol Mosely Braun perform risqué Super Bowl Halftime Show
7. Al Gore claims to have invented TIVO
6. Ralph Nader is made over on Queer Eye for the Straight Guy
5. Bill Richardson just orders the salad
4. Teresa Heinz Kerry tells Barbara Walters, "You know, I have always despised ketchup"

3. Bob Torricelli named new President of Common Cause
2. Sleep deprived Arnold Schwarzenegger accidentally gropes Cruz Bustamante
1. Sleep deprived Bill Clinton accidentally gropes Hillary

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You know, I think I should reinstitute the Top Ten List.

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Good Morning People!

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.04.05 - 8:58 am | <#>

fuck men

fuck them all

they will be my slaves

Tanya | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.04.05 - 9:19 am | <#>

its a frosty day outside

but also in my heart

i will subjugate the men to my power

i am woman here me roar

Tanya | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.04.05 - 9:20 am | <#>

fuck the male dominated ego system'

fuck those pricks

Tanya | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.04.05 - 9:21 am | <#>

Mornin' folks! Just read some interesting political news from the sunshine state. State

Senate Minority Leader Ron Klein (D-Boca Raton) announced yesterday that he is going to challenge Rep. Clay Shaw in 2006. Look for this to be a high profile and expensive race. Shaw starts out the favorite, but he will have to fight like hell again to hang on! Klein is strongest opponent Shaw will have to face since he beat then-State Rep. Elaine Bloom by 500 votes in 2000.

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 9:21 am** | <#>

HILLARY 2008. YEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE
HAAAAAAAAAAAH

Tanya | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 9:21 am** | <#>

Well Good Friday morning to everyone
Martha is now a free woman
The two men who own the antique store at the end of my block erased any possible misconceptions anyone may have had that they are straight by hanging a huge sign that said
"WE LOVE MARTHA"

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 9:21 am** | <#>

ENOUGH OF THIS TANYA CRAP!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Whoever is posing as her needs to get a life!

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 9:22 am** | <#>

FUCK MARTHA

SHE CONVINCES WOMEN TO BE GOOD HOUSEWIVES

I WONT REST UNTIL MEN ARE WEARING THE APRONS

Tanya | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 9:22 am** | <#>

Tanya
you certainly can't extend your hatred of the y chromosome to men who look like Kenny Rogers?!?

Kenny would surely serenade you
with "Lady" and your icy feminist heart would melt.

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 9:23 am** | <#>

AND ON THE 8TH DAY, GOD SAID LET THERE BE WOMAN

AND HE CREATED HER IN HIS IMAGE

ON THE 9TH DAY, GOD SAID LET THEIR BE MAN, AND HE TOOK ONE OF WOMAN'S RIB BONES AND MADE IT MAN

Tanya | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 9:24 am** | <#>

Tanya take yourself off of this blog and go visit the Freedom Socialist Party/Radical Women.

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MARTH STEWART IS A STEPFORD WIFE

GO TO HELL MARTHA

Tanya | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 9:25 am** | <#>

I am sorry for that ScottP. What did they do? Susan McDoule was on CNN last night as they waited for the domestic diva.

Prolife-dem | [Email](#) | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 9:26 am** | <#>

MARTHA STEWART IS A CORPORATE DRONE

Tanya | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 9:26 am** | <#>

Does anyone know why you cant ever take a left turn at stoplights?

becausethere are women like Tanya dressed in aprons waving signs saying "I danced tonight with the only man i love."

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 9:27 am** | <#>

Feminism is a dead movement not because of some chauvinist conspiracy but due to feminist themselves, making only one issue their issue and we all know what that issue is.

Prolife-dem | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 9:39 am** | <#>

scot--huh???

looks like our new maps aren't a done deal yet as the gop is trying to "cut a deal" w/ our black reps to tweak their precincts and i suppose avoid a legal challenge--more to come--as it develops

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 9:41 am** | <#>

Ah the power of Cheeeeeeeeeese!

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 9:41 am** | <#>

such a gop/black dem deal was part of what precipitating the tremendous realignment of our delegation in 92

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 9:42 am** | <#>

DrJay - Ahh you know when you go to stoplights in the middle of rush hour and you see those cheap short skirted women holding signs up in the air after they look like they have been banged in the butt a few times???

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 9:44 am** | <#>

Thats Tanya!

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 9:45 am** | <#>

I am irritated our district based-duopolistic 2 party system system. It leaves minorities vulnerable to gerrymandering. Would it not be better if people were allowed to vote for the party for each position, and then divide representative proportionally, particularly at the state and local level.

Prolife-dem | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 9:45 am** | <#>

To all those who are assuming that it's George W. Bush who wants to regulate bloggers/Internet:

The 3 DEMOCRATS on the FEC are the ones being obstructive here.

Democrats, give these freedom-squelching Beltway insiders "what for" and openly applaud the FEC's GOP membership for supporting the exemption.

This is an issue upon which "loony lefties" and "wingnuts," along with the middle majority, can find much common ground. The MSM is surely behind this; the corporatist ties to the WH may indeed be involved, but get the facts straight: the Democratic FEC members are dragging their feet.

joe | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 9:46 am** | <#>

The FEC is part of the problem also.

Prolife-dem | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 9:48 am** | <#>

Don't encourage Tanya.

I'm sick of her on this blog.

Barthman | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 9:49 am** | <#>

Looks like we've got another Bill McBride on our hands! Wealthy personal injury attorney, Willie Gary, is considering entering the race for FL Gov. Gary, who is apparently black, may push Davis and Smith to the left. Thats not good!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 9:52 am** | <#>

Sunlover1: Being the prospect you come from Florida, What are the odds of the GOP keeping Floridaand what are the odds of the Dems picking Jeb's seat back up?

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 9:55 am** | <#>

After all, It could also have implications for 2008. I mean because if Jeb succeeds to a Dem, W might too.

If Jeb succeeds to a GOp, all bets are off who will win the presidency in 2008.

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 9:56 am** | <#>

It depends on the situation at the moment. Right now I'd say either is a 50-50 chance. It depends on who the GOP nominates and how bloody their primary is; it depends if any other candidates come out of the woodwork (and I'm not just talking about Graham, Corey); it depends on the state of the local economy, also the popularity of W at the time. All these factors are yet to be foreseen. The Dems do have two good candidates, who certainly have the ability to win. Florida is truly a tossup state!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:00 am** | <#>

someone last night asked the Dems to reply who they thought the strongest GOP nominee would be and for Republicans to do the same. At this early early stage of the game here are the top 5 contenders for the GOP--the ones I as a Dem fear most

1. John McCain (hell I'd prob. vote for him)
2. George Allen
3. Mitt Romney
4. Bill Frist
5. Rudy Guiliani

honorable mention would be Jeb Bush, but I just don't think people will want to continue the dynasty yet another 4 years.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:05 am** | <#>

ScottP - Plus Jeb is a converted Catholic. Will evangelicals turn out for him the way they turned out for his brother? I dont think so. Evangelicals hate and distrust Catholics.

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scot i guess my town is a little different than yours

if he says the right things i don't think the catholic thing would bother the evangelicals that much--ideology more than religousity seems to drive them as they became more savvy politically

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:14 am** | <#>

Scott, luckily the only one on your list that actually could win the GOP nod is George Allen, and with any luck he won't make it that far (remember his predessor Chuck Robb

was mentioned a prez timber for years), as he may have to face Mark Warner.

Romney will lose in 06, and that will take care of him. Bill Frist is about as exiting as watching paint dry! McCain and Guiliani would be very strong, but will NEVER be nominated. Can you picture the social conservatives (Ralph Reed & Co.) embracing a pro-choice, gun control supporting guy who has been married THREE times! Guliani ... (as they say in NYC) fagetaboutit!!! They also have long since rendered their judgement of John McCain (remember Bob Jones Univ 2000).

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 10:16 am** | <#>

c'mon jay

I read "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" I know Savannah has it's saucy side!

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:21 am** | <#>

Personally I dont really think Jeb Bush isgoing to run myself. He has repeatedly told the Media a zillion times that he doesnt have any intentions to run because he wants to return to Miami in private life. Remember this from This Week with George Stephanopolous a week before Election Day 2004 when he said, "Why am i not believeableon this subject? I am not going to run for President in 2008."

Hmmm.

Looks like the GOP will have to find someone new.

I think Jeb wont run myself. I honestly take his wordfor it.

However, I think hes going to save his son for his legacy in about a generation from now.

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Can anyone see that hispanic George P Bush?

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:23 am** | <#>

one would have to think that rudy would temper some of his more moderate views as a candidate for prez--he leads in early polls in ga

drjay | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 10:23 am** | <#>

While he is on my mind, let me also say that I'd love to see Chuck Robb some how resurrect his career. Don't know quite how he could do that, but he was a talented politician and good public servant. He should have had either a long career in the senate, or a term, or two in the White House. That bimbo cost him alot! I guess Virginia is less tolerent of that than Arkansas.

Maybe Chuck should move a few miles north to Maryland! He would find a better political climate there. After all, the GOP nominee for US Senate in 94 was an ex-senator from Tennessee!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:24 am** | <#>

we don't talk of such things in polite company scott--you should know from the book they are only whispered about in astonished tones

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:24 am** | <#>

I don't think Jeb will run in the traditional sense, but if the GOP lacks a front runner going into the primaries (which they hate, Dems don't mind mixing it up but the Republicans want order) I could see the powers that be making him an offer he could not refuse.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:25 am** | <#>

Early polls mean nothing. Just wait till Reed and his boys spread the record of Guiliani! No Christian Coalition, no NRA NO GOP NOMINATION!!!!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:27 am** | <#>

The GOP will probably nominate someone more conservative than George W Bush in 2008.

And it probably wont be Jeb Bush either.

However, It could reasonably hopefully be a decent conservative no matter how far right they are.

As long as they will uphold the traditions of our democracy, which i have yet to see Bush's administration do.

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:30 am** | <#>

JEB will run one day, but he is a good strategist. He knows that the "dynasty" thing would kill him if he immediately tried to follow his brother. If a D wins in 2008 though, look for JEB to be frontrunner for 2012!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:30 am** | <#>

I hope they nominate a World Net Daily conservative like Patrick J Buchanan. The GOP needs one.

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:31 am** | <#>

ha ha drjay

Savannah and Charleston, SC are two cities I've always wanted to visit.

Someone on the other blog the other day mentioned that Russ Carnahan might face a primary challenge from Jeff Smith, the college professor who almost defeated Carnahan in the 04 primary. From what I have heard Smith is going to work for the DNC and his hero Howard Dean.

I voted for Carnahan in that primary but the Smith folks ran a great campaign, energized and diverse--not just lefty college kids like some in the local press were saying.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:32 am** | <#>

A Populist Right Conservative that is for fair trade, not free trade.

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:33 am** | <#>

Speaking of dynastys, I wonder if Ohio Governor Robert A. Taft III will try to capture the office his great granddaddy won exactly 100 years earlier! After all, Bob will be out of Gov mansion in 07, and with two GOP senators, not much on the horizon in Ohio.

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:35 am** | <#>

Hows Russ Carnahan doing these days?

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:36 am** | <#>

Russ is going to Iraq pretty soon.

I'm a fan of the whole Carnahan family. They are the most down to earth people you would ever want to meet. I think Russ could run for Senate in 2010 and Robyn Carnahan

(currently Sec of State) could be a contender for Governor some day.

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:37 am** | <#>

Charleston is absolutely lovely. Got some old friends down there.

Ragnar Danashold | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:37 am** | <#>

I was wondering that myself too Sunlover1. It would be nice to see him run and win the GOP Nomination and the Election 2008.

I would definitely support him in a primary and general.

Bob Taft is pretty much a good qualifier.

He really should try for the gold.

But then again, Sunlover1, Do you think he would suffer his great granddaddy's fate in 2012?

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:38 am** | <#>

Hello, lads.

Ragnar Danashold | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:38 am** | <#>

I also support Columbus Mayor Michael Coleman as the next Ohio Governor.

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:40 am** | <#>

Well fp, if your right, some political science professor at Princeton must be salivating right now ... lol

Sunlover1 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:40 am** | <#>

But if Sec of State Ken Blackwell is the GOP nominee, all bets are off.

Its Governor Blackwell!

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:41 am** | <#>

Besides, Ohio still has a strong GOP advantage, except in the blue collar areas such as Cleveland.

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:42 am** | <#>

If Taft is the nominee in 08 I will do a google search for anyone named William J. Bryan and draft him for the Dem. nomination

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:43 am** | <#>

ha ha! and I found one

A Mr. William J Bryan, attorney in Jefferson City, MO. He works in the Supreme Court building

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:45 am** | <#>

Scott as long as he wont "crucify mankind on a cross of gold!"

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:48 am** | <#>

Does the Democrats in MO have anyone to take out Jim Talent in 2006 next year ScottP, or is Talent a shoo-in for a full term?

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:50 am** | <#>

Well scot

McCaskill is running for State Auditor again and is rumored to want another crack at the Governor's office

Former Gov. Roger Wilson (my favorite) appears to be happy in the private sector
Former Lt. Gov. Joe Maxwell and AG Jay Nixon also want to run against Blunt in 08 so it looks like we'll have another Nancy Farmer type second tier candidate and unless there is an upset Jim Talent for a full 6 years.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:53 am** | <#>

Actually, what many people don't know is that William Jennings Bryan was a Florida

resident for the last decade of his life, residing in the Miami area. He was a Florida delegate to the 1924 Dem Nat'l Convention where he stirred up a little trouble. His daughter, Ruth Bryan Owen, was elected to Congress from an east coast district that ran from Jacksonville to Key West. FL had only 3 cds in those days. So, to heck with Nebraska, Florida claims Bryan as "our son".

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 10:53 am** | <#>

Sunlover

Do you really want to claim a three time loser that bad :)

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:55 am** | <#>

So they are all interested in taking out Matt Blunt?

Damn.

If that happens, that Dem primary in 2008 will be so bloody that Matt Blunt will win a second term.

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Or do they all feel Matt Blunt is that vulnerable after only what, 2 months, in office? LoL.

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:57 am** | <#>

well scot that is three years from now, I hope by then we settle on a candidate. buyer's remorse has already set in with Matt Blunt, he may be another one termer like Bob holden, it's just too early to tell

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 10:57 am** | <#>

Thats nice. He could be, after all young governors as young as him hardly manage to win more than one term.

But what i was getting at, Why not one of them Dems unite to take out Talent or make it competitive, then another one take out Blunt or atleast make it competitive.

They dont need to all want to take out Blunt even if he may be that vulnerable this early or not.

It would be remarkable though.

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 11:00 am** | <#>

Well Scott, FL has never had a prez, vp, prez nominee, or vp nominee since statehood! Therefore, we'll take what we can get. Anyway, what good Dem doesnt have a soft spot in their heart for the guy. He was the one who ended Bourbon control over the party!

Note, notice I said since statehood, as we do claim Prez Andrew Jackson! He was (briefly) our first American (Military) Governor! A giant portrait of him hangs in the old Capitol.

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 11:00 am** | <#>

Guess they all see a hotshot in office right now that can easily be beaten huh? lol.

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 11:01 am** | <#>

Guess give Talent a free pass to a full term. After all right now hes still finishing the termoriginally elected to Mel Carnahan.

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 11:04 am** | <#>

I Bet Talent will be beaten in 2012 though. He just isnt the type of Republican that i think will keep the base locked. Hes conservative enough, which helps with the base, but hes kind of bland, even as a good young soldier. You Missouri folks might know more about him though Right ScottP?

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 11:06 am** | <#>

scot

that's a good question. the thing is that Joe Maxwell's wife is ill, Jay Nixon has run twice for Senate so I can see why he doesn't want to become Missouri's William Jennings Bryan and McCaskill just got off a bruising governor's race and would have to give up her auditor's chair to run for Senate next year

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 11:10 am** | <#>

You are right about ex-Gov. Roger Wilson. I actually was hoping he would run against

Kit Bond last year. He would be an even better candidate against Talent, who should be defeated.

Does Tom Eagleton have any kids? Any of them interested in politics?

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 11:13 am** | <#>

Ah well just give the GOP that seat then. Maybe we got to see your state give Jim Talent a chance.

Besides, im sure there are rising stars coming up in the MO Democrats if none of the current rising stars are available in 2012 to beat Jim Talent.

Jim Talent really is only in the Mel Carnahan term. If hes elected in 2006, it will be after the whole 2000 election ordeal/2002 Special election ordeal and he will be given a full six year term in his own right.

His seniority still might rise, and he could prove tough by 2012, but i really dont think so. He probably will be able to be beaten then.

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 11:14 am** | <#>

Well i think Talent should be defeated too for his blandness and also for the fact it wasnt really a fair six year term. First Mel dies in a plane crash and Jean the widow takes the seat until the special election.

Talent narrowly beats her with help from Bush campaigning in 2002 in the special election with him to finish the term.

MO must have been through a lot with that Talent!

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And did Talent not lose narrowly to Holden in 2000 for Governor?

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Plus, Talent has already once been rejected by Missouri voters for Governor in 2000.

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 11:20 am** | <#>

I had a female penpal named Leanne who lived at Springfield MO back in the 1990s.

Ever been there ScottP?

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 11:21 am** | <#>

Hmmm, then Talent should be more vulnerable than ever then.

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 11:22 am** | <#>

Springfield MO is the most conservative part of the state.
It is a beautiful area though--right in the heart of the Ozark Mountains (OK they are just hills)

Springfield is the home of John Ashcroft as well as the Blunt family

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 11:25 am** | <#>

Something I should mention going on in FL politics, one of the VERY few Black GOP politicians, Miami City Commissioner and ex-Miami-Dade County Commissioner Art Teele was convicted this week in an incident with a police officer who had him under surveillance. Teele is also under indictment over some financial irregularities over an agency he headed. With his conviction, Teele is permanently removed from his commission seat, and as a felon is barred from voting or holding public office in the future. The GOP once boasted this man was a potential congressman.

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 11:28 am** | <#>

Thats GOP Family Values, Sunlover1.

fpotusahuss20321979-Scot | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 11:30 am** | <#>

Teele is the fifth current, or ex- Miami-Dade County Commissioner who has been ousted by juries over the past decade. He is the third Miami City Commissioner to meet a similar fate in that period. Add to that the Medicare fraud conviction of State Sen. Alberto Gutman, and the removal of several small municipalities officials in that county, leads me only to wonder if Crockett and Tubbs were really on the take too?? lol

Oh I might as well add that three ex-Miami-Dade County Commissioners have fled the country while under investigation including the notorious Joe Gersten. And Operation Court Bromm netted several judges down there in the early 90's. It must be the climate

down there!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 11:39 am** | <#>

Wow, is it slow here.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:01 pm** | <#>

Well I am back. Just got done with a pile of work my boss thought would take me an hour--HA got it done in 35 minutes! Now I've got time to waste here again.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:03 pm** | <#>

what this blog needs is more cowbell

Christopher Walken | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:06 pm** | <#>

dammit why won't it let me get rid of my homepage?!?

Scott | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:07 pm** | <#>

March 19-

I would like to announce that on March 19th there will be a Rally For America held at 1pm in Federal Plaza (at Adams and Dearborn.) This event is organized by the Chicago Chapter of ProtestWarrior - we are a dynamic, intelligent group of Right-minded folks, young and old, civilians and vets of all races, religions and backgrounds who are tired of the radical Left having the only voice on the streets! Please join us to counter-demonstrate against their rabid hatred for America and her partners in Democracy around the world, as well as supporting the men and women of the armed services. More info and a printable flyer can be found at our site:

<http://pwchicago.com>

Thanks!

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:15 pm** | <#>

will the green puke be gone from the streets of Chicago by the 19th?

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:21 pm** | <#>

probably not.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:23 pm** | <#>

Since you read the Michael Lewis book on Campaign '96 (is your copy called "Trail Fever" or "Losers"--I've seen it sold under both titles) do you remember the part when Pat Buchanan marched in the Chicago St. Pat's parade and drunk guys were sieg heiling him and yelling "F**k you!" and he was just loving it?

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:26 pm** | <#>

Yeah, I remember that in the book "Trail Fever" which is what the copy I have is called. Buchanan marched on a Sunday in the South Side Irish Parade, which is always more rowdy than the official downtown parade which is much bigger and takes place on Saturday.

On the same day, that Buchanan was marching in that parade, I was at a Bob Dole rally in one of the suburbs.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:30 pm** | <#>

knowing Buchanan I'm sure he preferred going to the rowdy one.
I detest Buchanan's political positions but he seems like he'd be a fun guy to know.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:31 pm** | <#>

Both parades are pretty rowdy, but the South Side one does not allow Cubs fans of any sort.

The big one that takes place on the Saturday before St.Patty's Day is always quite a scene. On years where there are statewide or countywide races, the parade also takes place 3 days before the primary election.

So, you see politicians literally pushing and shoving each other in order to march up as close the front as possible, and jostle for position, as all the politicians and candidates march in front of the parade.

President Bush actually led the parade in 2002, but behind him, you probably saw Rod Blagojevich throwing an elbow to Paul Vallas and Judy Baar Topinka eye gouging Corrine Wood, and Jesse White doing a somersalt and Jim Oberweis scratching and clawing and Lisa Madigan beating Dan Hynes with her shoe, all in order to get the best marching spot.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:40 pm** | <#>

OK, DrJ, here's my question for you (assuming you didnt take off early Friday like most dentists)

Let's say I'm in Georgia campaigning for John Barrow (which I will be if you get the Rep nomination). Now, let's say I do something like trip and fall, or perhaps I was running my mouth about Dixie and my teeth knocked out by some of your inbred neighbors. Here's my question. Would you administer to me emergency dental aid, seeing as my teeth are knocked out and I'm bleeding profusely, or would you say, that's what that damn Yankee gets for coming here, and I'm not giving him one ounce of my assistance.

I'd be curious to know

Moderate Mark | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:49 pm** | <#>

I believe the IL presidential primary fell on St. Pat's Day in 1988.
Paul Simon, who had suspended his campaign, came back and defeated Jesse Jackson.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 12:49 pm** | <#>

Since you mentioned it earlier, Scott. I live in Charleston SC and have all my life. If you ever head this way let me know and Ill give you some advice on places to go and things to see. Then again since youve been seeing my posts on here for awhile, would you really want my advice?

Cynical Cid | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 1:00 pm** | <#>

The mainstream left does still seem to honor Robeson, but I've never seen mainstream conservatives giving tribute to Ezra Pound.

Actually, Pound wrote for the New Masses before he turned to fascism. Which isn't too uncommon because Mussolini and Oswald Mosley were both Marxists before coming to fascism.

The far left always seems to know there true comrades are on the far right -- they both have a hostility to liberal democracy and capitalism and want to overthrow the entire social system to create a utopian one.

Which again begs my question: Does Ezra Pound have a postage stamp?!

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 1:19 pm** | <#>

Yes, Pound is on a postage stamp:

<http://www.postcardsfrom.com/stamp/stamp-id.html>

And I'm sure Charles Lihdberg is too.

Maybe they should have a collection: Great American Nazi sympathizers.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 1:26 pm** | <#>

The Right is taking to the streets of Chicago?? They better watch for Mayor Daley's "Boys in Blue", remember what happened to the left when they took those streets back in 68. YIKES!

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 1:27 pm** | <#>

Maybe Alan Keyes will become the new Abbie Hoffman!

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 1:28 pm** | <#>

Is it just me, or is it in poor taste to put some one who defected to the other side we are at war with an official govt. recognition like a stamp.

Same goes for Robeson.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 1:31 pm** | <#>

Well, dudeman, you might want to add Ambassador Joseph P. Kennedy to your collection ... lol

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 1:47 pm** | <#>

of NAZI Sympathizers

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 1:48 pm** | <#>

I might be a little hard on ol' Joe, but for someone whose 3-4 sons have everything from football stadiums to airports to battleships named after them, I would be very interested to find out if he ever had anything named for him????

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 1:51 pm** | <#>

Hey guys. Sorry I haven't been around for awhile, school's keepin' me busy.

Anyways, my favortite choice for the next president: Barbara Boxer!

She stands on her conviction, and doesn't apologize for it. Plus, I think she's a much better influence on the women in America than Hilary Clinton, who stood by her husband as he cheated on her for over 20 years.

Oh, I got the chance to see Howard Dean a couple weeks ago at Liberty Hall. He was excellent. We're taking the country back!

Liberal Kansas | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 1:51 pm** | <#>

I was at the public rally, not the private fundraiser. Lo siento, no mucho dinero

Liberal Kansas | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 1:53 pm** | <#>

You MUST be joking!!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 1:54 pm** | <#>

Hey, does anybody else think that Martha Stewart is going to have a hard time adjusting to life outside the prison walls and that she will inside trade again or commit some other crime in order to return to the security of life behind bars?

Plus, she probably really wants to avenge that loss she suffered in the Prison Holiday Decorating Contest.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 1:56 pm** | <#>

Who cares about Martha Stewart?? I wouldnt watch her if you put a gun to my head.

Sunlover1 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:03 pm** | <#>

so gas prices are expected to rise about a quarter per gallon in the next few days. With record high gas prices and home heating bills going up 30% per year why don't we hear anything about an inflation crisis under this prezz from the so called liberal media?!?!

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:05 pm** | <#>

Global warming,theres an issue sure to bring out the beast in Right Wing types."Tree huggers"Enviro wackos""theres no evidence...",the litany goes on.Subtly though a funny thing is happening.Some " conservatives" are now saying that there something to all this and now Bush Family stalwart James Baker is so worked up about it that he told a bunch of oil execs the other day that GW was a serious matter.Hell this ain't no fun.Right wingers talking bout something serious !Come on boys how can worry about this enviro wacko stuff when there are real issues like where to display the Ten Commandments beckoning!

Cynical Cid | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:05 pm** | <#>

Looking to show a DC guy a great time tonight. Please call me at 202-361-9338.

Sarah | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:07 pm** | <#>

seriously Cid

To be honest I don't care what the state of TX or AL or any other one puts up in their capitol. However, if they are puttin up the 10 commandments they better be just as ready to display a monorrah, buddha or koran on display as well if someone asks.

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:08 pm** | <#>

Scott my man.Don't you understand?If we could just drill in ANWR why hell the damn price will go down from a quarter a gallon increase to around oh a 23 cents increase.I mean what the hell you want?

Cynical Cid | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:09 pm** | <#>

Oh boy, escorts on p1, now i have seen it all!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:10 pm** | <#>

Then again, Sarah is probably really Corey, and that number is probably to Rep. Stephanie Herseth's office.

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:12 pm** | <#>

Funny thing. I've been in a lot of Christian churches and haven't seen the Ten Commandments displayed in any of them.

Cynical Cid | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:13 pm** | <#>

I don't see what a menorah, a Buddha, or a Koran would have to do with the Ten Commandments.

First starters, with the menorah, that is a specific religious object used in religious ceremony. Besides, if that is supposed to be about being sensitive towards Jews, I would remind everyone the Ten Commandments were given to the Jews.

The Koran is the Islamic Bible. Nobody is talking about putting the Old Testament or the New Testament up, so therefore, that analogy does not work.

Buddha is a religious symbol. Nobody is suggesting putting up a portrait of Christ. So that analogy is flawed as well.

The Ten Commandments do not hurt anyone. Some of the Commandments should be considered higher truths that everyone should live under, no matter what your religion is, or even if you have none.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:14 pm** | <#>

Cid-

look harder

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:14 pm** | <#>

True Cid, now that I think about it.

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:15 pm** | <#>

Come on sunlover, dont accuse me of such tactics!

It's probably Rep. Simmons having some fun.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:16 pm** | <#>

Gee thanks Dudeman! I will!

Cynical Cid | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:22 pm** | <#>

I am really bored.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:48 pm** | <#>

The 10 Commandments is a blatant violation of the separation of church and state. If people want to read about it, there's about 8 churches per square mile in Kansas, and bibles everywhere. No one should be forced to see it from our government's judiciary

Liberal Kansas | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:53 pm** | <#>

I claim this blog in the names of George Walker Bush, Richard Bruce Cheney, Donald Rumsfeld, Clarence Thomas, Katherine Harris, Ann Coulter, Rick Santorum, Sean Hannity, Rush Limbaugh, Jesse Helms, Antonin Scalia, George Allen, Mitt Romney, and Jeff Gannon!

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:53 pm** | <#>

If the Jeff Gannon incident doesn't prove to America how deceitful and misleading the Bush Administration truly is, then probably nothing will

Liberal Kansas | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:56 pm** | <#>

If that's the case, Corey, only one thing I can say is to quote ex-Rep. Jim Traficant: "Beam me up!!!"

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:57 pm** | <#>

"If the Jeff Gannon incident doesn't prove to America how deceitful and misleading the Bush Administration truly is, then probably nothing will."

Correct.

Because there is nothing there to be concerned with, ha ha ha ha.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:57 pm** | <#>

I'll bet Bush will claim he had nothing to do with it. And since there was no "semen on the dress," or "tape-recorded conversations missing 17 minutes," Bush will be in the clear.

Liberal Kansas | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:58 pm** | <#>

Corey

The Ten Commandments while containing such obvious rules we should obey like Thou Shalt Not Kill also has some such as Thou Shalt Not Covet They Neighbors Wife which is pretty near impossible for someone to do 24/7.

How is this for a compromise--remember The Golden Rule, "Do Unto Others as You Would Have Done Unto You". Those are good words for a society to live by--why can't we just place those in every courtroom, federal and state building?

All said, this is a non-issue that is a distraction from the real problems we face right now.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 2:59 pm** | <#>

Scott, 80 percent of Americans believe the public display of the Ten Commandments is acceptable.

Those who disagree are in a distinct fringe minority.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:00 pm** | <#>

Then 80% of America is wrong.

Liberal Kansas | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:01 pm** | <#>

Then I'll claim it for Bill and Hillary Clinton; Evan Bayh; Bob Graham; Ted Kennedy; Harry Reid; Barac Obama; Dianne Feinstein; Michael Dukakis; Cameron Diaz; Ben Affleck; Al Franken; Mayor Pam Iorio; Jack Germond; and the editorial board of The New York Times!!

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 3:02 pm** | <#>

AND the Great Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg!

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 3:03 pm** | <#>

Corey

I thought the reason why you Republicans love GWB so much is that "he does what is right and doesn't listen to polls"?

Why can't the people who believe otherwise (and I'm not one of them, I really don't care about this issue) be doing what they think is right, the polls be damned?!

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:03 pm** | <#>

I actually think that the simple words of the Golden Rule would have more resonance than stuff about "coveting".

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:04 pm** | <#>

I reclaim this blog in the names of J. Strom Thurmond, Robert K. Dornan, William Bennett, Charlton Heston, Jack Woodcock, Ronald Wilson Reagan, William F. Buckley, Alex P. Keaton, George P. Bush, John Q. Public, Charlie Crist, Toni Jennings, the editorial board of the Wall Street Journal, Bill O'Reilly, Kenneth Starr, Debbie Gibson, Larry in Nevada, Kentucky Republican, drjay, Ted Nugent, Alice Cooper, Gene Simmons, Chaka Kahn, Chaka Kahn, and Paul Wolfowitz.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:07 pm** | <#>

Hey, Corey, DEBBIE GIBSON IS MINE!! HANDS OFF!! You got Britney

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 3:09 pm** | <#>

I knew the Debbie Gibson reference would get you riled up.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:10 pm** | <#>

Speaking of Strom Thurmond, The State newspaper filed a FOIA and got all of Strom's FBI files. Of course they show him for the putrid racist bigot he was. I mean for God's sakes the ol' bigot was spewing his venom while siring a mixed race daughter. Here's one for all you Right Wingers out there always demanding "proof" of this or that. Most of you are always excusing Thurmond and relating how he later "changed." Please cite me one instance where Thurmond verbally apologized for his bigotry. Not two now but just one!

Cynical Cid | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:14 pm** | <#>

It is just ridiculous some of the stuff that the judges are trying to pull now.

Team Prayer illegal?

No 10 commandment monuments?

But gay marriage, that's A-OK, right?

And you wonder what's wrong with Kansas.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:14 pm** | <#>

Well, Well, Seems to me that this blog belongs in the names of Essie Mae Washington Williams (Strom Thurmond's black daughter); Fritz Hollings; FDR; RFK; Bill Nelson; Richard M. Daley; Speaker Madigan; Loretta Sanchez; Stephanie Herseth; Drew Barrymore; Paul Newman; Robert Redford (wow, both Butch and Sundance!); Mario Cuomo; Jon Bon Jovi; Jimmy Buffett; Christie Brinkley; and the good folks (and Graham Relatives) at The Washington Post! Not to mention Babs; Mary Chapin Carpenter; and Natalie Maines!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:16 pm** | <#>

All said, this is a non-issue that is a distraction from the real problems we face right now.

True, but it isn't the right offering opiate to the people, it's left bring up a lot of these issues.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:16 pm** | <#>

I don't know if Thurmond ever apologized, but actions speak louder than words.

He went on to become the first Southern Senator to hire an African-American staff member, he was supportive of the Martin Luther King Holiday, and basically shown the capacity of America and Americans to change for the better.

Contrast that with former Klansman Robert C. Byrd, who in the past 5 years, used the n word on national television, and just this week, compared Republicans to Nazis.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:17 pm** | <#>

Sunlover-
the American people hate most of those celebs.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:18 pm** | <#>

How come when I show up, everyone else leaves?

Did I fart or something?

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:22 pm** | <#>

Sen. Byrd was in the Klan briefly in the '40s when he first ran for office. He quickly quit and has ever since regretted joining. It both amuses and annoys me when Republicans try to drag up that 60 or so year old indiscretion to show how bad Democrats supposedly are on race relations.

It took a lot longer for Thurmond to come around to accepting civil rights. And then there's Trent Lott...

Mike In Maryland | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:23 pm** | <#>

And when the left started ragging on Arnolds Nazi dad, that was justifiable?

Or sex acts he did back during the 8track era?

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:24 pm** | <#>

And then there's Trent Lott...

We at least did something about him.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 3:25 pm** | <#>

Yeh he hired that well known political prostitute Armstrong Williams. He only supported the King holiday after the votes were there for its passage. His vote was superfluous. And as usual a "conservative" trying to divert the issue to Robert Byrd. I reiterate, Thurmond never apologized for his bigotry and try as you may your pitiful efforts to excuse it are in keeping with Republican efforts to ignore that the modern day Republican party in the south was founded on the bigotry of Thurmond who was the first major Republican officeholder in the south. The ol bigot even coaxed his mixed race daughter into attending segregated SC State., paid her off all through the years to keep her quiet, and then ignored her in his will. Yeh a real stand up guy. And the reason Strom never repudiated his racist rants was simple. He really deep down obviously believed them.

Cynical Cid | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 3:26 pm** | <#>

Well, thats in the past.

You know, like the people that FOUNDED the Democratic party in the first place?

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 3:27 pm** | <#>

dudeman

quite a few Dems in CA were able to overlook Arnold's past and vote for him. I would've voted for him too if I lived there.

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:28 pm** | <#>

The fact is that Byrd was in the Klan for at least 2-3 years and had the position of Kleagle. If somebody considers 2 or 3 years to be "briefly" so be it.

I have never claimed that he still has Klan sympathies. However, the fact is that he was very much vocally opposed to Dr. King in the '60s, used the n word on national tv within the past few years, and we all saw what he said on the Senate this week, in which he dishonors the memory of everyone who lost their lives at the hands of the Nazis or fighting the Nazis.

Robert C. Byrd is a national disgrace.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:28 pm** | <#>

George C. Wallace apologized for his racist past and was forgiven by a majority of black

AL voters.

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:29 pm** | <#>

From the Democratic parties first platform, 1840-

7. Resolved, That congress has no power, under the constitution, to interfere with or control the domestic institutions of the several states, and that such states are the sole and proper judges of everything appertaining to their own affairs, not prohibited by the constitution; that all efforts by abolitionists or others, made to induce congress to interfere with questions of slavery, or to take incipient steps in relation thereto, are calculated to lead to the most alarming and dangerous consequences, and that all such efforts have an inevitable tendency to diminish the happiness of the people, and endanger the stability and permanency of the union, and ought not to be countenanced by any friend to our political institutions.

dudeman5685 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:29 pm** | <#>

Whats yor point Dudeman? That Americas founding was "racist." Damn a politically correct Right Winger! Will wonders never cease?

Cynical Cid | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:30 pm** | <#>

I know 1840 isn't recent history, but if the founding of the GOP down south 50, 60 years ago is in play...

dudeman5685 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:31 pm** | <#>

Cid, you are a person either in your 40s or 50s who grew up I believe in South Carolina. Did you ever have any racist thoughts or have you ever used any racist language?

If you have, did you apologize?

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:33 pm** | <#>

Actually the word "racist" didn't enter the english language until it was used in connection with the Nazis in the 30s.

Most biological racism can trace its roots to a book by Count de Gobineau, An Essay on the Inequality of the Human Races, 1855, then Darwins Origen of the Species a few years later.

The race though of the founding era was more a feeling of religious and cultural superiority, not an inherent biological superiority.

Of course there was a diversity of views.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 3:34 pm** | <#>

Who hates Drew Barrymore, or Cameron Diaz?? My gf loves Ben Affleck, ditto my mom with Newman and Redford. And the day you sell as many albums as Bon Jovi, then dudeman, you can say how much they are hated!

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 3:34 pm** | <#>

Seriously, you all need to check out "Dear Senator" by Essie Mae Washington Williams. I read it last month. You get to see a whole other side to ole Strom.

Sunlover1 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 3:36 pm** | <#>

Dem platform 1856-

Resolved, That we reiterate with renewed energy of purpose the well considered declarations of former Conventions upon the sectional issue of Domestic slavery, and concerning the reserved rights of the States.

1. That Congress has no power under the Constitution, to interfere with or control the domestic institutions of the several States, and that such States are the sole and proper judges of everything appertaining to their own affairs, not prohibited by the Constitution; that all efforts of the abolitionists, or others, made to induce Congress to interfere with questions of slavery, or to take incipient steps in relation thereto, are calculated to lead to the most alarming and dangerous consequences; and that all such efforts have an inevitable tendency to diminish the happiness of the people and endanger the stability and permanency of the Union, and ought not to be countenanced by any friend of our political institutions.

2. That the foregoing proposition covers, and was intended to embrace the whole subject of slavery agitation in Congress; and therefore, the Democratic party of the Union, standing on this national platform, will abide by and adhere to a faithful execution of the acts known as the compromise measures, settled by the Congress of 1850; "the act for reclaiming fugitives from service or labor," included; which act being designed to carry out an express provision of the Constitution, cannot, with fidelity thereto, be repealed, or so changed as to destroy or impair its efficiency.

3. That the Democratic party will resist all attempts at renewing, in Congress or out of it, the agitation of the slavery question under whatever shape or color the attempt may be made.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:36 pm** | <#>

I agree that Byrd should have chosen a less inflammatory way to make his point. Any reference to that part of German history is volatile indeed. (And will those criticizing Byrd also repudiate Rush Limbaugh's use of "feminazis"?)

But he was noting that the German Reichstag turned itself into an unquestioning rubber stamp for anything Hitler did. There are some on the GOP side of the aisle in Congress who probably won't be satisfied unless the rules are changed to ensure approval of everything Bush wants. That is the slippery slope Byrd was referring to.

Mike In Maryland | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:37 pm** | <#>

Hollywood types are despised here in TX.

We might like their movies, but only here static when they talk about issues.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:37 pm** | <#>

Sunlover

I'm gonna tell Justin Timberlake that you have been coveting his woman!

On second thought maybe you should just go to the TX state capitol and you will see the error of your ways.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:38 pm** | <#>

When I referenced the fact that Thurmond was the first Southern Senator to hire a black staffer, I was not referring to Armstrong Williams. This hiring occurred long before Williams.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:38 pm** | <#>

But he was noting that the German Reichstag turned itself into an unquestioning rubber stamp for anything Hitler did.

When the reichstag convened in March 1933 to pass the enabling act, many of the opposition party members were detained on the way by the Brownshirts,

the SA was in the very room intimidating people, and there was already a large bloc of Nazis and their allies the Natiaol German Peoples Party.

The bill was passed with only a hand full of socialist voting against.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:40 pm** | <#>

Speaking of the 3rd Reich, did any one else see Charlie Chaplins "The Great Dictator" last night?

The little tramps speech at the end was a definite prelude to Bushs inaugural.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:42 pm** | <#>

I am not going to repudiate Rush Limbaugh for his use of the term "feminazi" which he has always said is only meant to apply to a group of people who prefer that a woman has an abortion, and are upset if she chooses to carry it to term. Think of the blogger here knows as "Kevin." That is who Rush Limabugh is referring to, and yes, such a wish to have life exterminated, even if the mother disagrees is far more similar to the evils of the Nazis than some legislative maneuvers that may be used to get some judges confirmed.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:42 pm** | <#>

Indeed.

I just learned how close that issue was to me personally today.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:43 pm** | <#>

"The ex-Klansman allegedly ended his ties with the group in 1943. He may have stopped paying dues, but he continued to pay homage to the KKK. Republicans in West Virginia discovered a letter Sen. Byrd had written to the Imperial Wizard of the KKK three years after he says he abandoned the group. He wrote: "The Klan is needed today as never before and I am anxious to see its rebirth here in West Virginia" and "in every state in the Union."

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:45 pm** | <#>

Hey Shannen Doherty is a Republican!!! She would almost make me switch parties if she ever ran for office

Scottl | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:47 pm** | <#>

Don't you think all these nazi comparisons are getting to be a bit much?

Abortion is like the holocaust

feminist are like stormtroopers

the repubs in congress are like the Reichstag.

Any time we have an agenda or group we find profoundly wrong we use the common denominator of the Nazis.

"I shall make thee a bye word among the nations"

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:47 pm** | <#>

I gotta go, but really guys, these nazi comparisons are too omnipresent.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:49 pm** | <#>

Hey Shannen Doherty is a Republican!!! She would almost make me switch parties if she ever ran for office

I'd love to see her go head to head with byrd

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:49 pm** | <#>

OMG Corey

Are you dizzy from spinning so much? I can't believe you are defending Rush's feminazi while basically saying that Robert Byrd needs to be tarred and feathered

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:50 pm** | <#>

yeah, the Nazis were a whole weird totalitarian act unto themselves.

Scottl | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:50 pm** | <#>

I was reading the blog, and somewhere PETA was mentioned. Let me just say, if you

went to a slaughterhouse, and saw the way these poor animals are abused and tortured and murdered, you'd be a vegetarian too

Liberal Kansas | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:51 pm** | <#>

Feminists do not wish to have "life exterminated" (if that's what you think abortion is) for the sake of doing so. Nobody is in favor of forcing women to have abortions even if they object, contrary to what Rush may think. (And, BTW, the Nazis banned abortions.)

And I don't know who this "Kevin" that Corey refers to is.

Mike In Maryland | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:51 pm** | <#>

evryone here does know that strom is freaking dead right

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:51 pm** | <#>

Scott, I don't know why you dont agree with me.

Do you think that

A. Byrd's remarks were appropriate?

B. Limbaugh, who is not a United States Senator, using rhetoric is to refer to a small segment of society like "Kevin" and those who think like him, and who are supportive of forced abortion, is that off base?

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:52 pm** | <#>

it would probably be a moot point to answer your question mark b/c i wouldn't be anywhere near a john barrow rally obviously--and if i were i guess that would depend on your ability to pay for said care

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:53 pm** | <#>

robert byrd's comments are inappropriate--any time liberals make such inflammatory comments it is wrong

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:56 pm** | <#>

Rush Limbaugh has never used the term "feminazis" as a synonym for all feminists.

To those that have actually listened to his show, it refers to those who feel abortion should be mandatory in some circumstances and are generally upset when a woman chooses life instead of abortion.

If Limbaugh were a United States Senator, I would not want him to use that word on the floor of the Senate. However, on a provocative talk radio show, I believe it has its context.

Furthermore, if the person using the term happened to have ever been a Klansman or had no qualms with using the n word, I would think that it would be very suspect on their behalf.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:58 pm** | <#>

Neither Byrd Thurmond nor Wallace should be grudged if they recanted their racist pasts.

Liberal Kansas | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:58 pm** | <#>

first of all Byrd has unfortunately stuck his foot in his mouth again.

He could have made his point about the "nuclear" option being undemocratic without bringing up the German regime of 1933-1945

As far as Rush goes it always seemed to me that he referred to anyone from NOW as a "feminazi".

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:58 pm** | <#>

and mark a lot of my patients are yankees who've chosen to retire away from the misery that is the northeast so i would be o.k. w/ you being here regardless of the reason and would certainly help a friend in need, that is afterall what southern hospitality is all about

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 3:59 pm** | <#>

Scott, Rush has not referred to anyone from NOW as a "feminazi." You probably have not listened to his show much or are relying on incorrect sources for your assertion.

The Nazi tie in relates to numerous, unspeakable medical experiments that were performed on prisoners, in a blatant disregard for human life.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:01 pm** | <#>

rush calls now--nags--the nat'l asoc. of gals--he reserves feminazi for the most extreme elements of the women's rights crowd--and readily admits he is a big fan of the women's movement

esp. as viewed from behind

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:01 pm** | <#>

I still think Shannen Doherty should run for something

Scottl | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:02 pm** | <#>

cmon guys enough of the serious shit -- who thinks some hotties should run for office

Scottl | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:04 pm** | <#>

Katherine Harris may run for the Senate.

Major hottie.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:04 pm** | <#>

Oh Corey, no way, cmon, are you serious

Scottl | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:05 pm** | <#>

Here is a convenient translation of the conservative argument being made here today:

Conservatives, like Rush, can call liberals Nazis because they really are like the Nazis. It would be just like the Nazis to want to give additional rights to women.

Liberals however, in criticizing undemocratic actions of a regime which has no respect for civil liberties, may not even mention the historical actions of Hitler, because that would be too unfair.

Very consistent guys, good work.

sku | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:05 pm** | <#>

steph herseth is already there

i'll have to think about who else needs to step up to the plate

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:06 pm** | <#>

Totally serious. How any male can not see that is beyond me.

Oh well, the less of you that are into her, the better my chances are, if she ever dumps her European husband, Hans or Franz or whatever his name is.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:06 pm** | <#>

Actually nobody should compare each other to the Nazis.

Scottl | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:07 pm** | <#>

eva longoria is quite the hottie but she's also quite the lib from what i hear--she could go back home and be mayor of corpus cristi i supoose

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:08 pm** | <#>

Guys I have seen Stephanie Herseth up close - not that hot, she just photographs well

Scottl | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:08 pm** | <#>

Eva Longoria, Democrat for Senate from California to replace DiFi on her retirement

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:09 pm** | <#>

I say Terri Hatcher for President

Scottl | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:09 pm** | <#>

sku, you need to have some basis in truth before you make statements like that.

Rush Limbaugh has never referred to liberals as "Nazis." If he used a blanket generalization of that term to refer to any group other than a very specific group that advocates a specific action, I would be most opposed.

For Byrd to make the Nazi comparison shows that he has no real respect for or understanding of how evil the Nazis truly were, as the Anti-Defamation league has said in reaction to Byrd's shameful comments.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:10 pm** | <#>

Eva Longoria vs Shannen Doherty that would be awesome

Scottl | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:10 pm** | <#>

Corey

are you saying you covet the wife of Hans or Frans in Florida?

Hmm, maybe you need to take a trip to Austin and the TX state capitol to cure you of your evil ways.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:11 pm** | <#>

I say the whole cast of Desperate Housewives on the US Senate floor

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:11 pm** | <#>

From the Way Things Ought to Be:

"I prefer to call the most obnoxious feminists what they really are: feminazis." Rush goes on to espouse an opinion that abortion is a "holocaust" and women who support it are Feminazis.

Parse all you want, but this is clearly a case of the pot calling the kettle a Nazi.

sku | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:13 pm** | <#>

I may covet, but I commanded to not act on it, and I never would with a married woman. Jimmy Carter says lusting in your heart is ok.

There must be 7 straight males in the entire country who watch Desperate Housewives, and at least one of them is a regular on this blog.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:14 pm** | <#>

sku, are you reading from the book verbatim? I doubt it.

If you were to read the book, you would know that he is not referring to anyone who is pro-choice as a feminzai.

He is referring to people who should not be considered pro-choice at all, because they are opposed to the choice of life and only feel that abortion is acceptable.

I don't know how the distinction in what he is referring to could be made any clearer.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:17 pm** | <#>

scott why must you attempt to crush my vision of the rep from south dakota--leave my dreams alone

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:19 pm** | <#>

Feminazi is such an offensive term on so many levels, but of course, Rush gets a pass, because he's there to decry the liberal agenda.

Liberal Kansas | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:19 pm** | <#>

i don't see the real problem w/ what you read there sku

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:20 pm** | <#>

"He is referring to people who should not be considered pro-choice at all, because they are opposed to the choice of life and only feel that abortion is acceptable."

What does that even mean? That only those who feel that abortion should be MANDATORY are feminazis?

sku | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:20 pm** | <#>

there are a lot of really obnoxious feminists--are kidding a parsing of the term "nazi" aside

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:23 pm** | <#>

And from Rush Limbaugh.com, transcript of 4/26/04:

"The feminazis gathered in Washington on Sunday, about a half million of them, it says here, and it was the first big pro-abortion rally in 12 years."

Referring to 500,000 people as nazis because of their participation in a pro-choice march? Inexcusable!

sku | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:24 pm** | <#>

Yes, that is pretty much of the gist of what he was referring to. I believe the book, which I have not read in many years, refers to a particular group of activists in the late 80s who were trying to make abortion mandatory for certain women who become pregnant as the genesis for the use of the term on his radio show.

He also has used the term to refer to women who claim to be pro-choice, but are upset if a woman chooses to give birth, even though that was her choice.

While Rush Limbaugh is Pro-Life, it is just completely inaccurate to state that he has used the term "feminazi" to describe those who believe that women should legitimately have a choice in what they do with the pregnancy.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:25 pm** | <#>

sku, please provide a link on this blog to the transcript of Rush saying the word feminazi to refer to half a million people.

Did you find that on Rush Limbaugh's web site or did you find that on an anti-Rush Limbaugh website?

Please post the link. Thank you.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:26 pm** | <#>

and i don't want to here anyone referred to as a soup nazi just b/c they are peculiar about how they serve there soup!!!

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:27 pm** | <#>

rush's site is pretty exclusivley a pay service--so wow that you are a subscriber sku

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:31 pm** | <#>

sku, I know you are out there.

You must have just read that somewhere, so please post the website here where you read it, so I can read it too.

Or you can admit that the source in which you read it may have an agenda and is not offering proof of that word being used on that day.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:31 pm** | <#>

sku, sku, sku

Where are you?

You've got some work to do now.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:34 pm** | <#>

Here it is: http://www.rushlimbaugh.com/home/daily/site_042604/content/feminist_update.guest.html

I added carriage returns so as not to screw up the blog, so you might have to move it back together.

Also from that program:

"Now let's go to the audiotape. Let's listen to some famous feminazis who were speaking yesterday at the pro-abortion anti-Bush rally. In order they are Gloria Steinem, Susan Sarandon, Christine Lahti, and Camryn Manheim."

Referring to at least one Jewish woman (Steinem) as a Nazi, very tasteful.

sku | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:35 pm** | <#>

sku, I can't pull it up.

Can you place it in your URL section.

I don't see anything about 500,000.

And while this does not matter, I do not beleive Steinem is Jewish.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:37 pm** | <#>

Now, it's in my url, try again.

sku | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:39 pm** | <#>

It's not working.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:40 pm** | <#>

I don't have time to finish reading the posts so far (I've only reached 11 am), but:

Regarding Wm Jennings Bryan,

Was there any connection between his attendance at the 1924 Democratic Convention and its nomination of his brother, Neb. AG Chas W Bryan for VP?

Don't worry about that Missouri lawyer William J Bryan promising to "crucify mankind upon a cross of gold"; that's clearly the job of financiers, big business and the Republican Party, who run a profitable sideline in "pressing down upon the brow of labor this crown of thorns."

For many years there was a South Carolina Democratic Congressman called William Jennings Bryan Dorn.

Regarding political party platforms,

by contrast, Dudeman, you should also look at the Republican platforms from the 1940's (especially 1948): they're surprisingly liberal about civil rights.

And the GOP was the first major party to endorse an Equal Rights Amendment for women. The radical religious right made them take that plank out some time in the 1980's when ERA was an issue (I think that its relevance may now have passed, as did the relevance of the Child Labor Amendment which was proposed in the 1920's to overcome unfavorable Supreme Court decisions that were later reversed.)

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:40 pm** | <#>

Ack, the site is too long for the url.

Okay, at the risk of screwing up the blog, here it is: cut and paste:

<http://www.rushlimbaugh.com/home...date.guest.html>

sku | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:41 pm** | <#>

Ooooh, automatic elipses. Cool feature.

sku | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:42 pm** | <#>

I await your excuses, I mean responses.

sku | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:43 pm** | <#>

By the way, I believe Steinem is half-Jewish.

sku | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:45 pm** | <#>

here is my biggest problem with America:

Antonin Scalia

he is an embarrassment to America and should make them cringe

Ragnar Danashold | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:45 pm** | <#>

Americans need to understand that Scalia is a piece of shit

he tries to defend juvenile executions

he is a fuckface who could only happen in america

Ragnar Danashold | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:46 pm** | <#>

does anyone think bloomberg will win re-election? :)

he's totally going too lose to the democratic machine campane

Ragnar Danashold | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:47 pm** | <#>

afternoon, sku

Ragnar Danashold | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:48 pm** | <#>

Well, it looks like he has broadened his definiton for use of that term since he originally started using it and I think that is inappropriate.

However, I am not offended by the use of an inflammatory term to refer to extremists who are pro abortion and were marching around with placards saying that they wish that Barbara Bush had aborted the President. That is just extremism and while Rush should just be content with calling them radical feminists, he has a point.

Besides for the broad use of the term feminazi, I agree with everything else he said.

What Robert Byrd said was much worse though.

For one, he is a United States Senator
Two, he is a former Klansman
Three, he was referring to actual Nazis and to Hilter,
not to some cutesy radio term that draws attention
Four, he was referring to elected officials who
belong to one of the two major political parties,
not to radical elements of any ideology or interest
group.

So, I take issue with one word that Limbaugh used and I am willing to admit it.

I wish every Democrat in the country would stand up against Robert C. Byrd's shameful, and disrespectful smear.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:48 pm** | <#>

rush limbaugh symbolizes the decline of america

he is anti-intellectual

the US should be led my intellectuals

derridas controlled french colture and they were better of for it

america needs to wizen up

Ragnar Danashold | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:50 pm** | <#>

For example, they used placards that lamented that Barbara Bush had not killed her son in the womb. "If only Barbara Bush Had Choice,"

and another that said the popes mother had no choice

maxine waters actually laments that her own mother couldn't have an abortion--a very odd thing to say about one's own mother

if the "feminazi" fits...

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:50 pm** | <#>

byrd did some bad things

he was a neo-nazi and he supported lynchings in the south

but he protects the senate and republicans need to show him some respect

Ragnar Danashold | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:50 pm** | <#>

I think the biggest embarassment is the unqualified Clarence Thomas. I'm not buying his "quiet reflection." I just think he doesn't have anything to say. He'll just defer to Rehnquist and Scalia, and hopefully, when Rehnquist retires, we'll get a pro-choice judge, and the balance will be 7-2 in favor of Roe v Wade.

Liberal Kansas | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:51 pm** | <#>

the state of effairs in american politics is desgusting

i wish america would get some better leaders

afternoon, drjay

Ragnar Danashold | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:51 pm** | <#>

clarence thomas is a true "uncle time"

he hates his own race

hes a groper too

Ragnar Danashold | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:52 pm** | <#>

if you read that the whole thing corey i don't think the moniker is that out of line

you also have to bear in mind that he is a radio talk show host not a senator and readily admits as much when it comes up in interviews and such

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:52 pm** | <#>

Get off your high horse about Byrd, stop trying to slander him for things he did when few us were born.

Liberal Kansas | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:53 pm** | <#>

well a guess the left racism toward thomas is rolling in now--good stuff

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:53 pm** | <#>

I think the chances of President Bush nominating a Pro-Choice judge to replace Rehnquist on the court, (other than a scenario in which O'Connor is temporarily elevated, with a conservative judge taking over as as Associate Justice) are about as likely as Al Sharpton doing commericals for KFC.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:54 pm** | <#>

I don't think Byrd ever supported lynchings. And he damn sure wasn't a neo-Nazi.

Mike In Maryland | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:54 pm** | <#>

i hate the american way of life, i am starting to think

so radical christians and jews were causing a ruckus about Israel the other day in the city next to mine

why dont we realize that this is shit...,israel is the terrorist county

check out Krushcev's diaries on Soviet Online...u can google it. its really good and provides an awesome model for equality

Ragnar Danashold | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 4:54 pm** | <#>

BOB CASEY!

Drayton | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 4:54 pm** | <#>

My problem with Thomas has ABSOLUTELY NOTHING to do with race. My problem is that he is not qualified to sit on the bench of the US Supreme Court

Liberal Kansas | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:55 pm** | <#>

sku and others

How to print links that don't break without stretching the thread 3 million miles to the Right, (the Far Right that is, black void, Texas R)

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Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:55 pm** | <#>

in rocky iv they play the soviet anthem

its a great anthem exceptthat the soviet union used illegal drugs

if stalin hadnt have fucked up, soviet union would have been the greatest country ever

Ragnar Danashold | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:56 pm** | <#>

Ragnar

You can disagree with Clarence Thomas' politics without calling him an Uncle Tom.

C'mon let's switch to more Friday friendly topics--who else thinks Scarlett Johanssen is freakin' hot?

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:56 pm** | <#>

"I think the chances of President Bush nominating a Pro-Choice judge to replace Rehnquist on the court are about as likely as Al Sharpton doing commericals for KFC."

Nope, because the Democrats will filibuster every anti-choice judge that Bush throws up there, so it'll either be 7-2 in favor of Roe v. Wade, or 6-2

Liberal Kansas | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:57 pm** | <#>

This is not the usual "Ragnar" This is someone pretending to be him, which is ironic, because the person that is usually him is also pretending to be something.

Mike in MD, Byrd was a Klansman for crying out loud. How can you say that he was not supportive of lynchings?

While he did get out of the Klan before most of us, (maybe not Cynical Cid) were born, he happened to use the n word twice on national television just a few years ago while every single one of us were living.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:57 pm** | <#>

america is to concerned with fighting terror

we need to move to the left and adopt FDR democratic/socialist ideals and concepts for a more sustainable plant

Ragnar Danashold | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:57 pm** | <#>

o.k lk--nevermind he graduated from yale law and worked under danforth and reagan before being an appeals court judge and then a supreme court justice

but like senator reid says thomas can't write well b/c he's black

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:58 pm** | <#>

mornin, scott.

i think he is an uncle tom

he kills his own race and makes them not get into colleges with his policies

Ragnar Danashold | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:59 pm** | <#>

Slightly corrected

(The sample hyperlink at the end was garbled in my last post.)

sku and others

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Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 4:59 pm** | <#>

dr jay, are u interested in socialist utopian ideals?

i attended a Quaker meeting for the first time last week

probably the best religion out there

i used to be atheist, but i am starting to agree with the liberal protestants

Ragnar Danashold | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:00 pm** | <#>

quakers rotated in and out of Purtianism

they didnt like the hard liners so they became liberal and bwise versa

Ragnar Danashold | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:01 pm** | <#>

i don't think it will be possible to filibuster every pro abortion justice in the whole world-- even if bush has to get cutesy and nominate someone like orrin hatch or even a pro life dem if thats his desire

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:01 pm** | <#>

Thomas had more qualifications and experience than David Souter had.

Saying that he was unqualified but Souter was qualified, smells a lot like racism.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:01 pm** | <#>

the hare krishnas too

i dont really like religion because it holds america back from its full potential

Ragnar Danashold | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:01 pm** | <#>

john tower not w/standing another senator would probably squeak through b/c those guys are awfully chummy

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:02 pm** | <#>

Now now Corey

Lets not forget what Souter has contributed to bringing the US up to the international par

no juvy death penalty =

international law 1, federalism 0

Mr. Tootsie | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:03 pm** | <#>

The federalist society can lick my balls actually

Federalism Conservatives = segregation apologists, apologists for letting the South and

West continue in its barbaric, backwards ways

Mr. Tootsie | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:04 pm** | <#>

ashcroft's having been a senator probably had a lot to do w/ his squeaking through as ag

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:04 pm** | <#>

Souter and Thomas were both qualified.

If not, they would not have been confirmed by a Democrat majority U.S. Senate.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:04 pm** | <#>

Thomas was definitely qualified to sit on the Court. Robert Bork was also qualified to sit on the Court. Their ideology however puts them out of the mainstream. That is my only beef with those two.

Scalia has always seemed a little more mainstream though still quite conservative. I just think he would be a better fit as CJ--It has nothing to do with race

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:04 pm** | <#>

One Correction, ScottP, I in no way covet Britney Spears. I made reference to her because she is a Bush supporter. I Actually CANT STAND HER! Not because of her politics, but everything else. SHE IS NOT NOW OR WILL EVER BE IN THE SAME LEAGUE AS THE GREAT MISS DEBORAH GIBSON!!!!!!

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:05 pm** | <#>

the EU is the new standard bearer for customary law

Unfortunately with this administration the US has taken to following the lead of the EU

Mr. Tootsie | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:05 pm** | <#>

well my computer will probably shut me out of haloscan pretty soon (usually around 700 posts) so if ron doesn't open a new thread this weekend i'll see y'all monday or maybe over at kydem or evan and kyle's blog-- enjoy the weekend

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:06 pm** | <#>

The major difference between Republicans and Democrats is that while Republicans wish this country socially was back where it was in 1955 and economically back where it was in 1880, Democrats look to the future for progression

Mr. Tootsie | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:07 pm** | <#>

If I were Prez, I'd make Souter Chief Justice. And either Bill Weld, or Appeals Court Judge (ex-FL. Sup. Ct CJ) Rosemary Barkett to replace him as associate justice.

Sunlover1 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:07 pm** | <#>

scalia would be wonderful chief

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:08 pm** | <#>

I hate Republicans

They truly are a backward people

Bush is a proponent of the Culture of Death

Mr. Tootsie | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:08 pm** | <#>

estrada would probably be a good justice--but i guess we'll never know

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:09 pm** | <#>

of course scalia has been known to be a bit of a smart ass--he would need to tone it down as cheif

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:10 pm** | <#>

Clarence Thomas had his confirmation hearing in 1991 and was cruising to a near unanimous confirmation before the Anita Hill allegations were made and the Democrats set up another round of hearings.

Scott, Scalia is to the right of Thomas according to most court experts.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:12 pm** | <#>

If I were in the Senate I would vote to confirm Scalia, Thomas I'm not so sure about
Anyway, back to the hotness of Scarlett Johanssen

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:12 pm** | <#>

Clarence Thomas is not an Uncle Tom.

He just has very conservative views on many subjects and wants to overturn many precedents that other conservatives have accepted (which would give him a kinship to Robert Bork). And sometimes his race and the memories of what it meant to him and his family when he grew up give him a different direction from his colleagues, for example in how far a state could ban cross-burning.

Neither do I dislike the Rev. Al Sharpton because of his race or his religious beliefs.

(By the way, I've never read the book by Harriet Beecher Stowe ("so you're the little lady who started a great war", as Lincoln remarked to her), but I've read elsewhere that the character Uncle Tom was nowhere as accepting of his condition as the taunt implies.)

And what was the anthem in Rocky IV?

Long Live our Soviet Motherland

or

The Internationale

They're both great tunes, but to hear the latter sung by some of those Soviet choirs can be incredibly moving even as you realize what the Soviet choirs believed in. It's about as incongruous as hearing Woody Guthrie's "This Land is Your Land" performed by the Singing Sergeants of the USAF or by Up with People! (for whom I actually have a soft spot: who can disagree with "if more people were for people...there'd be a lot less people to worry about and a lot more people who cared"?)

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:14 pm** | <#>

Give me "This Land is Your Land" any day over Lee Greenwood's insipid "God Bless the USA". ugh!

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.04.05 - 5:17 pm | <#>

Why wouldn't Sen. Plackemeier vote to confirm Thomas, if you think he is qualified?
Doesn't the President have a right to pick anybody he wants?

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.04.05 - 5:17 pm | <#>

""God Bless the USA".

I second that Scott...

The Ghost of Tom Joad | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.04.05 - 5:18 pm | <#>

"who else thinks Scarlett Johanssen is freakin' hot?"

Oh yeah...but I do like Keira Knightly...although she looked better in "Pirates of the Carribean" than in "King Arthur"...she makes my knees knock.

The Ghost of Tom Joad | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.04.05 - 5:21 pm | <#>

Scott, did you know that Woody Guthrie wrote "This Land is Your Land" as a sarcastic rebuttal to "G-d Bless America", much like Springsteen's "Born in the U.S.A." is often misinterpreted.

Lee Greenwood's song is undoubtedly patriotic. I am not a country fan at all, but I never get tired of hearing that song.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.04.05 - 5:21 pm | <#>

how cool is my wife--she just walked in and surprised me w/ the first season of 24--she's better than i deserve

drjay | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.04.05 - 5:21 pm | <#>

If anyone's interested, Al Gonzales is coming up next on Wolf Blitzer on CNN, and will address the torture issue. I cant wait to see how he spins this

Liberal Kansas | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.04.05 - 5:24 pm | <#>

drjay, your wife tricia sounds pretty cool. Hopefully, she will back you for Congress in her role as a Republican leader in your precinct.

I don't know if you have seen the first season of 21 yet, (if you are watching season 4 now, there really won't be any surprises), but I won't say anything to ruin it.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:26 pm** | <#>

As far as Rush goes it always seemed to me that he referred to anyone from NOW as a "feminazi".

NOW hates Rush and has a "Flush Rush" campaign to get him off the air.

So I think it is relatively fair for him to call his political enemies feminazis.

Hell they call him that.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:29 pm** | <#>

Y'know Woody Guthrie was a Communist sympathizer. Wrote a column for their newspaper for years.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:30 pm** | <#>

Ragnar for you were an atheist, then you were a pagan, now your thinking about becoming a Quaker.

Your going though more religions than Madonna.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:32 pm** | <#>

Thomas was only a federal judge for 2 years before he was appointed to the Supreme Court. Plus, the American Bar Association did not give Thomas a "well-qualified" rating. For a Supreme Court judge, that is essential

Liberal Kansas | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:32 pm** | <#>

David Souter had 12 years of judicial experience when appointed, and Clarence Thomas had none.

Both were Asst AGs in their states, but then Thomas became a Leg. Asst to Sen.

Danforth and then Asst US Labor Sec'y for Civil Rights and Chairman of the EEOC (US Equal Employment Opportunities Commission).

Souter became Atty-Gen. of NH, then in 1978, Associate Justice on the NH Superior Court, Associate Justice on the Supreme Court of New Hampshire and a Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit (Me, NH, Mass, RI & PR) — which for laymen is one of the 14-15 U.S. courts immediately below the Supreme Court. (Some decisions of a State Supreme Court like NH's can also be appealed directly to the U.S. Supreme Court, so for those purposes a state supreme court could also be considered directly below SCotUS.)

By the time Pres. Bush appointed him in 1990, he'd had 12 years' experience on the bench and two as his state's Attorney-General.

See:

[David Souter \(Wikipedia\)](#)

and

[Clarence Thomas \(Wikipedia\)](#)

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:34 pm** | <#>

Talk about living in the past.

Huntsville was just referred to as shoot hand for the TX death row on FOX.

Why is my hometown always get this reputation?

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:34 pm** | <#>

Sandra Day O'Connor was never a federal judge at all before being nominated to the Supreme Court. I do not believe Souter was either.

Clarence Thomas was qualified, plain and simple. Some people just do not like his philosophy or his race, or the combination of his philosophy and his race.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:36 pm** | <#>

I kinda know how people in Auschwitz feel.

I'm sure Auschwitz is a charming, nice town, despite what happened there.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 5:36 pm** | <#>

Wolf just asked Al if torture is ever justified

Liberal Kansas | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:37 pm** | <#>

John Gibson was just talking TX law with Napolitano.

And I'm tired of the infamy my hometown gets.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 5:39 pm** | <#>

DSD, Clarence Thomas was never any state's AG, but he did work for Ashcroft when Ashcroft was the Missouri AG. I stand corrected on Souter.

Clarence Thomas certainly did serve on the federal bench though at the time of his appointment. Other Justices had not.

I believe Sandra Day O'Connor was an AZ State Senator at the time of her nomination.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:39 pm** | <#>

I just read on newpolitics1.com that Delay may be headed for defeat in 2006. The people in his district do not like him. That would be an early Xmas present

Liberal Kansas | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:39 pm** | <#>

what infamy dude?

Liberal Kansas | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:40 pm** | <#>

I'm sure there is some kind of database that will give the background on all the justices, past and present.

Try political Graveyard.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 5:40 pm** | <#>

I do not believe Thurogood Marshall had ever served as a Judge when he joined the Supreme Court. Was he unqualified?

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:41 pm** | <#>

I come from Huntsville, Texas.

It is really a nice small town, a great place to retire, or go to college.

We have the largest state of a human being in the country, other than the statue of liberty.

But everone only thinks of the death penalty.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:42 pm** | <#>

I gotta go out and buy hair gel. But let me tell you some predictions

Republicans who will be defeated:

Santorum, by Casey

Chafee, by Langevin

Burns, by anyone

Snowe, by Allen

Liberal Kansas | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:42 pm** | <#>

And Thurgood Marshall was the greatest judge to ever sit on that court. End of story.

Oh and

SENATOR MFUME!

SENATOR FORD!

Liberal Kansas | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:43 pm** | <#>

LK-

are you black?

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:44 pm** | <#>

Good luck with your predictions LK. I remember your predictions from 2004 well.

Have a good weekend too and good luck with the hair-gel. I think we all saw, "Something About Mary."

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:44 pm** | <#>

Almost forgot,

Allen, defeated by Warner

Liberal Kansas | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:44 pm** | <#>

God Bless the USA is formulaic tripe, sorry to say.
And what is wrong with singing that "This land is your land, this land is my land--this land was made for you and me". Are you saying you disagree with that?

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:44 pm** | <#>

No, otherwise I'd be buying afrosheen.

This time I am going (gee, I'm getting like Corey here)

Liberal Kansas | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:45 pm** | <#>

Corey-

You may understand my predicament-

What do people think when they think Chicago?

The Valntines massecr, Richard Speck, John Wayne Gacy?

Yet, I'm sure that is not what Chicago is typically like.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:46 pm** | <#>

Shows what you get for relying too heavily on Wikipedia which didn't mention Clarence Thomas' year or two on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit (another court directly below the Supreme Court, like the USCA for the 1st Circuit to which David Souter was appointed in the same year, 1990.)

So, they both started out as Assistant state Attorneys General and both were appointed to

a U.S. Circuit Court in 1990. It's what's in between that differs so radically.

Here are the official biographies from the U.S. Supreme Court:

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Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:47 pm** | <#>

God bless the USA is actually quite deep.

The idea that if you lost everything you had, you'd still be thankful for this country.

Being "Proud to be an American, where at least I know I'm free, and I won't forget the men who died who gave that right to me" Wasn't real popular in the 70s.

The song is deep because it is unabashedly patriotic, despite whatever difficulties one may face personally.

Whats wrong with that?

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 5:49 pm** | <#>

Sorry about the hidden line-breaks which made that so unreadable. I've purged them, so this should be easier on the eyes:

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Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:51 pm** | <#>

Scott, the lyrics seem to be fine. There is a second verse though that is more overt that is not traditionally sing with the others in schools,etc, where I learned the song. Also, my mother used to perform it when she was a folk singer.

However, I just learned recently that Guthrie wrote it as sarcasm, his message was that America was so flawed, that the land did not really belong to anyone.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:52 pm** | <#>

maybe i'd like "God Bless the USA" better if it didn't seem like it was forced.

It reminds me of the Simpsons episode at the State Fair when the country singer sang

"If you don't buy my record, then Al Quaeda wins". `

Lee Greenwood may very well have been genuine when he wrote the song but it has been used adnauseum in GOP ads and rallies and such that it just seems like

"whaddya mean you don't like that song--are you a commie?!?!"

Sorry if I don't think patriotism should be forced.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:53 pm** | <#>

And which lyrics in "G-d Bless the U.S.A." do you not approve of?

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:53 pm** | <#>

his message was that America was so flawed, that the land did not really belong to anyone.

And it is THAT kind of attitude, so prevalent in the 60s and 70s that makes "God bless the US" so deep.

Because it is a conscience response to it.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:53 pm** | <#>

Sorry if I don't think patriotism should be forced.

Whose forcing anything?

The GOP likes the song and what it stands for.

If you don't like its sentiments, thats fine, this is a free country.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:55 pm** | <#>

dudeman, do me a favor, because I am at work.

Go do a search for the lyrics to the Lee Greenwood song and post them here.

I think it needs to be done.

Thanks.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:56 pm** | <#>

I was just in the act of posting these lyrics, but all right-
Well I love the sound of a rain on a tin roof
on a hot summer night
love to hear those hound dogs a-barkin
Howlin at the full moon light
Love to see those fireflies a buzzin
Lighting up the southern sky
Yeah I'm a hell bent 100% Texan til I die

Well I've crossed that old state line
more than a time or two
And if you see me leavin
you best be believing
I'll be back before the week is through
If I stay gone too long no tellin what I'll do
I might a-highjack a plane
I might jump a freight train
to get back home it's true

chorus

Well now I don't mind going to Oklahoma
ain't never met an Okie that I didn't like

I don't mind New York city
Those yankees talk funny but they're alright
I don't mind going to wessiana
Their red hot cajun cooking suits me fine
If I had my way
I'd be home today
on my front porch drinking moonshine

Chorus X3

yeah now I'm a hell bent 100% Texan til I die

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 5:57 pm** | <#>

BTW I think "Born in the USA" is a very patriotic song. It's patriotic in that it is born of frustration of a Vietnam Vet who came back to a country that didn't care (even though Springsteen didn't go to Nam).

It is a song that says--this country is the greatest on Earth and i know it can do better
I think this goes to the whole question that someone on the blog months ago said "do you love your country like a 6 yr. old loves his parents--my parents do no wrong and i love them" or do you love your country like you love your parents when you are an adult--"i know my parents aren't perfect but i wouldn't trade them for any other on earth".

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 5:57 pm** | <#>

If tomorrow all the things were gone I'd worked for all my life,
And I had to start again with just my children and my wife.
I'd thank my lucky stars to be living here today,
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom and they can't take that away.

And I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free.
And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me.
And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today.
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God bless the U.S.A.

From the lakes of Minnesota, to the hills of Tennessee,
across the plains of Texas, from sea to shining sea,

From Detroit down to Houston and New York to LA,
Well, there's pride in every American heart,
and it's time to stand and say:

I'm proud to be an American where at least I know I'm free.
And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me.

And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today.
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God bless the U.S.A.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 5:58 pm** | <#>

Born down in a dead man's town
The first kick I took was when I hit the ground
You end up like a dog that's been beat too much
Till you spend half your life just covering up

Born in the U.S.A.
I was born in the U.S.A.
I was born in the U.S.A.
Born in the U.S.A.

Got in a little hometown jam
So they put a rifle in my hand
Sent me off to a foreign land
To go and kill the yellow man

Born in the U.S.A.
I was born in the U.S.A.
I was born in the U.S.A.
I was born in the U.S.A.
Born in the U.S.A.

Come back home to the refinery
Hiring man says "Son if it was up to me"
Went down to see my V.A. man
He said "Son, don't you understand"

I had a brother at Khe Sahn fighting off the Viet Cong
They're still there, he's all gone

He had a woman he loved in Saigon
I got a picture of him in her arms now

Down in the shadow of the penitentiary
Out by the gas fires of the refinery
I'm ten years burning down the road
Nowhere to run ain't got nowhere to go

Born in the U.S.A.
I was born in the U.S.A.
Born in the U.S.A.

I'm a long gone Daddy in the U.S.A.
Born in the U.S.A.
Born in the U.S.A.
Born in the U.S.A.
I'm a cool rocking Daddy in the U.S.A.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:00 pm** | <#>

Scott, cite for me one line in "Born in the USA" that says anything along the lines of America can be better, or that I still like America, etc. My understanding of the lyrics, are that the narrator of the song is completely turned against America.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:00 pm** | <#>

Posting so many damn songs I feel like ragnar.

My favorite is still Texan till I die.

Its interesting to think that had similier problems with songs during the Civil War era.

Mocking versions of Dixie etc.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:02 pm** | <#>

thanks dudeman, I will take Lee Greenwood over that garbage from Springsteen any day.

And I will take Irving Berlin over Woody Guthrie too.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:03 pm** | <#>

Thurgood Marshall was Solicitor General of the United States, the office now held by Theodore Olsen.

Apparently, David Souter's time on a U.S. Circuit Court bench was even briefer than Clarence Thomas', lfewer than six months including summer breaks.

Sandra Day O'Connor did serve as a judge. I'll see if I have more luck with the line-breaks a third time:

Sandra Day O'Connor, Associate Justice, was born in El Paso, Texas, March 26, 1930. She married John Jay O'Connor III in 1952 and has three sons— Scott, Brian, and Jay. She received her B.A. and LL.B. from Stanford University. She served as Deputy County

Attorney of San Mateo County, California from 1952–1953 and as a civilian attorney for Quartermaster Market Center, Frankfurt, Germany from 1954–1957. From 1958–1960, she practiced law in Maryvale, Arizona, and served as Assistant Attorney General of Arizona from 1965–1969. She was appointed to the Arizona State Senate in 1969 and was subsequently reelected to two two-year terms. In 1975 she was elected Judge of the Maricopa County Superior Court and served until 1979, when she was appointed to the Arizona Court of Appeals. President Reagan nominated her as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, and she took her seat September 25, 1981.

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Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:04 pm** | <#>

Well if you were coming back from Vietnam to Nixon and Agnew and a country that just wanted to turn its back on you would you write a song like Springsteen's or Greenwoods?

I'm pretty secure in my patriotism that I know this country has made mistakes and is not perfect. I don't need constant reassuring that it is the best country on Earth despite some past scars in its history.

Have a good weekend folks.

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:04 pm** | <#>

Wasn't there supposed to be something like "A pregnant teenage gives birth in an ally, put the kid in a bad, thats one kid that will never go to school, never fall in love, never get to be cool"

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:05 pm** | <#>

Now, I want to hear the song, "G-d Bless Texas."

I am not sure who it is by, but they used to play it during GWB's Gubernatorial campaigns and it sounded pretty cool.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:07 pm** | <#>

dudeman

That is "Keep on Rockin' in the Free World" by Neil Young, who is Canadian.

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:07 pm** | <#>

The great thing is Irving Berlin wasn't even an American!

While Springstine and Guthrie were.

By the way, the guy that wrote "Dixies" was born in Ohio.

I like state/regional songs best.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:07 pm** | <#>

Ray Charles version of "America" runs rings around Lee Greenwood.

Scott P | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:08 pm** | <#>

Don't you like Bushs "Assad get out" comment.

It is alot like "Gorbachev, tear down this wall" Think he did it on purpose?

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:08 pm** | <#>

they used to play Charles version when the TV stations used to go off the air at 1 or 2 in the morning when I was a kid. Now they just go to infomercials all night
OK now I really got to go.

Scott P | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:09 pm** | <#>

Scott, have a good weekend, but how do you know that vet did not return home to LBJ and Humphrey?

And America, never, ever, turned its back on our Vietnam veterans.

Certain Americans, predominately on the left did, but America never did.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:10 pm** | <#>

Sure am making the google runs today-
alan Jackson

umm.... God Bless Texas
I seen a lot of places...i've been around the world
I've seen some pretty faces There was some beautiful girls
After all i've witnessed One things still amazes me
Just like America You have to see to believe

(chorus)

God Bless Texas with His own hand
Brought down angels from the promise land
Gave em' a place where they could dance
If you wanna see heaven brother here's your chance
I've been sent to spread the message
God bless Texas

First he let the sun shine
Then he made the water deep
Then he gave us moonlight for all the world to see
Well everybody knows that the Lord walks in mysterious ways
He took a risk then on the very next day

chorus

(guitar solo)

chorus

I've been sent to spread the message
God Bless Texas

I've been sent to spread the message
umm.....God Bless Texas

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:11 pm** | <#>

I used to sing that song all day when I was rollerblading down the streets of Huntsville

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:12 pm** | <#>

Come on
Oh baby don't you wanna go
Come on
Oh baby don't you wanna go
Back to that same old place
Sweet home Chicago

Come on
Baby don't you wanna go
Hidehey
Baby don't you wanna go
Back to that same old place
Oh sweet home Chicago

Well, one and one is two
Six and two is eight
Come on baby don't ya make me late
Hidehey
Baby don't you wanna go
Back to that same old place
Sweet home Chicago

Come on
Baby don't you wanna go
Back to that same old place
Sweet home Chicago

Six and three is nine

Nine and nine is eighteen
Look there brother baby and see what I've seen
Hidehey
Baby don't you wanna go
Back to that same old place
Sweet home Chicago

Oh come on
Baby don't you wanna go
Come on
Baby don't you wanna go
Back to that same old place
Sweet home Chicago

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:14 pm** | <#>

I think Springsteen's song reflects more people than Greenwood's. If you think that when people lose their jobs and livelihood that they're like "Job (from the bible)" instead of bitter and angry, then you probably don't know many who have lost it all. Also, Springsteen's words are very much the fate of veterans.

"10 years burnin' down the road. Nowhere to run, nowhere to go." Such is the fate of too many vets

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:14 pm** | <#>

"Dixie" was written by Daniel Decatur Emmett of Mount Vernon, Ohio, and premiered in September of 1859 in New York. According to an article by Mike Petee in the Knox County Observer, Mount Vernon, Ohio, Dan Emmett learned to play various instruments at a young age, including the banjo, fife, fiddle and a small drum. He was enlisted in a Minstrel group when they stopped in Mount Vernon and needed a replacement for a sick player, beginning a long musical career.

Although best known as the song adopted by the Confederacy, "Dixie" was also Abraham Lincoln's favorite song, and it was played at his inauguration. Even though Abe Lincoln loved and supported the song, Dan Emmett was ostracized in the North for writing a song associated with the South. In his last performance in Mount Vernon, it is reported that he cried when he was warmly welcomed and given a standing ovation as it's writer. It is still considered to be one of the top two or three songs associated with the history of this country.

One popular theory of the origin of the name Dixie is that the old \$10 Louisiana notes were known (by mispronouncing the French names that were printed on them) as "dixies," and the Louisiana region became known in slang as Dixie Land. This term was

later expanded to include the rest of the South.

The other competing theory is that "Dixie" comes from the Mason-Dixon Line. There is a third theory that the title honors a kind farmer in Manhattan Island by the name of Dixy who was rumored to be connected with the Underground Railroad; "Dixy's Land" became known as a safe haven. However, it is unlikely that this could actually be the origin of the song since Manhattan Island has never been "the land of cotton"; in addition, Manhattan is clearly not "away down south".

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:18 pm** | <#>

ha, ha, Sweet Home Chicago. Thanks dudeman.

I've grown tired of that song.

I prefer the cult classic "We're All Crazy in Chicago" by former radio personality Jonathan Brandmeier or the old classic, Chicago, Chicago, That Toddlin' Town.

Moderate Mark, feel free to post a song that expresses your New England Yankee Pride.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:18 pm** | <#>

I can't find the Union version of this, but who cares.

I wish I was in the land of cotton,
Old times there are not forgotten;
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!
In Dixie's Land where I was born in,
Early on one frosty morning,
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!

CHORUS: Then I wish I was in Dixie! Hooray! Hooray!
In Dixie's Land I'll take my stand, to live and die in Dixie!
Away! Away! Away down South in Dixie!
Away! Away! Away down South in Dixie!

Old Missus married "Will the Weaver";
William was a gay deceiver!
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!
But when he put his arm around her,
Smiled as fierce as a forty-pounder!
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!--CHORUS

His face was sharp as a butcher's cleaver;
But that did not seem to grieve her!
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!
Old Missus acted the foolish part
And died for a man that broke her heart!
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!--CHORUS

Now here's a health to the next old missus
And all the gals that want to kiss us!
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!
But if you want to drive away sorrow,
Come and hear this song tomorrow!
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!--CHORUS

There's buckwheat cakes and Injin batter,
Makes you fat or a little fatter!
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!
Then hoe it down and scratch your gravel,
To Dixie's Land I'm bound to travel!
Look away! Look away! Look away, Dixie's Land!--CHORUS

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:23 pm** | <#>

That's a tall order Corey. New Englanders are not very musical people (I'm sure Dave will rebut with about 500 examples of NE musicians). We generally don't have the aesthetics or grace that country folk have. We're too brash

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:23 pm** | <#>

Surely you can find the Battle Hymn of the Republic

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:24 pm** | <#>

You know I read somewhere that at a Democratic convention in the 1880s, when they tried to play the battle hymn after Dixie as a token of unity, the southern delegation nearly rioted.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:27 pm** | <#>

There are a plentitude of songs about New York. However, NY is NOT New England

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:29 pm** | <#>

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
He is trampling out the vintage where grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible swift sword,
His truth is marching on.

CHORUS: Glory, glory, hallelujah! Glory, glory, hallelujah!
Glory, glory, hallelujah! His truth is marching on.

I have seen Him in the watchfires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damp;
I can read His righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps,
His day is marching on.--CHORUS

I have read a fiery gospel writ in burnished rows of steel:
"As ye deal with My contemners, so with you My Grace shall deal;
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel,
Since God is marching on."--CHORUS

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before His Judgement Seat.
Oh! Be swift, my soul, to answer Him, be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.--CHORUS

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me;
As he died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.--CHORUS

dudeman5685 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:30 pm** | <#>

We need sku to show up to treat us to Randy Newman's "I Love L.A.", or KentuckyRepublican to "My Old Kentucky Home", or PEI to some kind of lumberjack song.

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:30 pm** | <#>

I beleive that Judge Reinquest got into a lot of flak for having "Dixie" sung at a judicial Conference

dudeman5685 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:31 pm** | <#>

Maybe Yankee Doodle Dandy?

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.04.05 - 6:31 pm | <#>

What is unusual about Justice O'Connor is that she and Justice Souter are the only Justices now sitting who've actually had judicial experience at the trial level where facts and evidence are heard, witnesses examined, juries empanelled and sentences passed.

Appeals courts are meant to avoid retrying the facts of a case and only pass upon questions of law. If the appeals court dislikes the way the facts were determined, it usually doesn't try the case itself *de novo* but kicks it back down below to the trial court level.

So few Justices have had to deal as judges rather than as advocates with the rules of civil and criminal procedure or with sentencing guidelines.

The Superior Court of New Hampshire, upon which David Souter sat before joining the NH Supreme Court, is the only court in that small state which holds jury trials. It has eight courthouses around the state.

The Maricopa County (Ariz.) Superior Court upon which Justice O'Connor sat is also a trial court with juries, etc.

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | 03.04.05 - 6:31 pm | <#>

I think if I were a Southerner, I'd be whistlin' Dixie all the time. It's easy to be prideful of that song, especially the line "In Dixieland I'll take my stand to live and die in Dixie."

I'll bet Southerners get goosebumps everytime they hear that line

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.04.05 - 6:33 pm | <#>

DSD-

The more important question is: do you have any songs about Rhode Island?

dudeman5685 | Email | [Homepage](#) | 03.04.05 - 6:33 pm | <#>

Mod Mark,

You always have Barry Manilow's "Weekend in New England."

ha ha ha ha ha ha ha!!!

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:34 pm** | <#>

The Team America: World Police Sound track had a cool theme sone.

America-
Fuck yeah!
Coming again to save the motherf*cking day, yeah
Americas-
Fuck yeah!
Freedom is the only way.

I love that song.

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:35 pm** | <#>

Chicago, chicago, that toddlin' town
Chicago, chicago, I'll show you around (you'll stay around)
Bet your bottom dollar you lose the blues in
Chicago, chicago, the folks who visit
All wanna settle down. (all wanna settle down in my hometown)

On state street, that great street, I just wanna say,
They do things they don't do on broadway,
You'll have the time, the time of your life
Bring all your friends, all your kids and your wife to
Chicago, chicago my hometown. (hey now baby--)
(oooh baby)
You'll have the time, the time of your life
Bring all your friends, all your kids and your wife to
Chicago, chicago my hometown.
Oh, to chicago, chicago my hometown (yeah)

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:36 pm** | <#>

Seriously though-

When you think about it, arn't the arguments against "neoconservatism" now alot like the argument against Lincoln?

"OK, yes they have slavery down there, but is that any business of ours? Let them have their system."

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:37 pm** | <#>

"Now tom said mom, wherever there's a cop beatin' a guy
Wherever a hungry newborn baby cries
Where there's a fight against the blood and hatred in the air
Look for me mom I'll be there
Wherever there's somebody fightin' for a place to stand
Or a decent job or a helpin' hand
Wherever somebody's strugglin' to be free
Look in their eyes mom you'll see me.
Well the highway is alive tonight
But nobody's kiddin' nobody about where it goes
I'm sittin' down here in the campfire light
With the ghost of old tom joad"

The Ghost of Tom Joad | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:39 pm** | <#>

I cant find the lyrics to the song "We're All Crazy in Chicago."

Goodnight!

Corey | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:39 pm** | <#>

Mark-

I get goosebumps when I here that song "Has any body here seen my ol'freind John" and I supstitute "Ronald" for Bobbie at the end.

Also, Texan til I die.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:39 pm** | <#>

Yankee Doodle came to town,
A-ridin' on a pony;
He stuck a feather in his hat
And called it macaroni.
Yankee Doodle keep it up,
Yankee Doodle Dandy;
Mind the music and the steps
And with the girls be handy.

Father and I went down to camp,
Along with Cap'n Goodwin;
The men and boys all stood around
As thick as hasty puddin'.
Yankee Doodle keep it up,
Yankee Doodle Dandy;
Mind the music and the steps
And with the girls be handy.

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:40 pm** | <#>

God Bless the U.S.A. ain't so bad.

But I like "It's a Grand Old Flag", by George M. Cohan (born in Providence, RI, while his theatrical family was passing through) which says everything that needs to be said and nothing more.

You're a grand old flag,
You're a high-flying flag,
And forever in peace may you wave.
You're the emblem of
The land I love,
The home of the free and the brave.

Ev'ry heart beats true under Red, White and Blue,
And with never a boast nor brag,
If old acquaintance be forgot,
Keep your eye on that grand old flag!

(This is from memory, so forgive any slips.)

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:41 pm** | <#>

against the wind is one that gives me the goosebumps

The Ghost of Tom Joad | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:42 pm** | <#>

Yes, simple patriotism, with no larger message, that is something we all can enjoy.

dudeman5685 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:43 pm** | <#>

I just read the lyrics to Weekend in New England. Man, that song is so gay. I'll spare

everyone from me posting it

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:44 pm** | <#>

"This Land is Your Land" is one of the great songs about America. Bobby Kennedy even suggested it become the national anthem. I can't believe anyone would pan it.

This begs the question, what song would you pick for the National Anthem, if we were to change it.

Michael Moore suggested "We Will Rock You." Personally, I like Phil Ochs' "The Power & The Glory."

sku | [Email](#) | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:45 pm** | <#>

It would be cool if some one made a compilation album with popular songs for each state.

"4 dead in Ohio"

"Oklahoma!"

"California Dreamin'"

probably couldn't get all 50 states though.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:45 pm** | <#>

sku-

You should look up more of the background to that song.

Also "If I had a Hammer" shouldn't be DSD?

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:47 pm** | <#>

sku-

Maybe you should post California Lovin' by Tupac Shakur

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:48 pm** | <#>

I don't think you'll find many songs about Idaho or Alaska either

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:49 pm** | <#>

There is a song which I don't know well, but you can hear as the theme for "Taking on the Kennedys", the PBS documentary about Patrick Kennedy's first Congressional campaign in 1994.

It comes up with a fanciful list of product origins ("Pens come from Pennsylvania") and ends with the chorus that runs very roughly something like this.

But you, you come from Rhode Island,
And Rhode Island's famous just for you!

But like most of the states, Rhode Island doesn't have a good song about her. (Illinois? Colorado?)

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:49 pm** | <#>

Dude, I'm actually pretty familiar with the history.

"If I had a hammer" is also a great song.

sku | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:50 pm** | <#>

There is a country song "Up to Alaska"

There is that one that you should have come up with "I love that dirty water, uuuuh
Boston your my home"

My just do "Viva Las Vegas" for NV.

dudeman5685 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:50 pm** | <#>

There was Captain Washington
Upon a slapping stallion
A-giving orders to his men
I guess there was a million.

Yankee Doodle, keep it up
Yankee Doodle dandy
Mind the music and the step
And with the girls be handy

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:50 pm** | <#>

"California Uber Alles" would be the obvious pick for us, though I'd be willing to compromise on "Hotel California" if necessary.

sku | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:52 pm** | <#>

I know that tune, by the Standells. It's not really complimentary about Boston, but people in the area absolutely love it

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:52 pm** | <#>

Peter, Paul and Mary close their concerts with their slightly-amended version of "This Land is Your Land", although their big hits were "Puff, the Magic Dragon", "If I Had a Hammer" and "Blowin' in the Wind".

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:52 pm** | <#>

Rhode Island, oh Rhode Island
surrounded by the sea.
Some people roam the earth for home;
Rhode Island's It for Me.

Rhode Island, It's for me...the state song of Rhode Island.

sku | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:53 pm** | <#>

What is this MTV?

Well, ok sku, if you know about Gutheries political connections thats alright. But I think the "hammer" referenced isn't the kind you by at Sears.

My mom used to sing "Where have all the flowers Gone?" before I told her it was an anti-war song.

dudeman5685 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 6:54 pm** | <#>

DSD, I actually think PPM's biggest hit was "Leaving on a Jet Plane." Though they sang some songs I like, I actually dislike PPM, way to sappy.

sku | [Email](#) | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:55 pm** | <#>

Peter Paul and Mary performed at the March on Washington in 1963.

And there was a black performer that I can't remember.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:55 pm** | <#>

I like PPM. even though I disagree with their political views.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:57 pm** | <#>

My mom used to sing "Where have all the flowers Gone?" before I told her it was an anti-war song.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | 03.04.05 - 6:54 pm | <#>

Dude, glad you cleared THAT up for her. You wouldn't want someone to inadvertently oppose war.

The hammer in "If I had a Hammer" ain't the hammer and sickle, give Pete and Lee some respect, they were Commies but they didn't write that transparently.

sku | [Email](#) | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:57 pm** | <#>

I believe the great gospel singer Mahalia Jackson performed at the march on Washington.

sku | [Email](#) | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:58 pm** | <#>

The hammer in "If I had a Hammer" ain't the hammer and sickle, give Pete and Lee some respect, they were Commies but they didn't write that transparently.

Whats that supposed to mean?

Oh course they best song about a state is Sweet Home Alabama

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 6:59 pm** | <#>

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I wanna tell you a story
I wanna tell you about my town
I'm gonna tell ya a big fat story baby
It's all about my town

Down by the river
Down by the banks of the River Charles
That's where you'll find me
Along with lovers, buggers, and theives
Ah, but they're cool people

Well I love that dirty water
Oh, Boston you're my home

Frustrated women
Have to be in by twelve o'clock
But I'm wishin' and hopin'
That just once those doors weren't locked

But I love that dirty water
Oh, Boston you're my home

Moderate Mark | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 7:01 pm** | <#>

du-du-du

dut-du-dut-

dudeman5685 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 7:02 pm** | <#>

I have to admit, I love that song. We have a pretty good sense of humor about ourselves

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 7:03 pm** | <#>

Isn't Hotel California supposed to be about Baja?

Moderate Mark | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 7:05 pm** | <#>

Thats good, so do we.

I think you'd probably be blind (or deaf) not to recognize the radical subtext to "If I had a hammer"

I said Radical, not necessarily communist.

dudeman5685 | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 7:06 pm** | <#>

Depends how you define radical, I suppose, but Pete and Lee were certainly Commies.
(Lee may have been a fellow traveler).

sku | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 7:08 pm** | <#>

Dudeman, I was there, although the Mall was too crowded for the Urban League of Rhode Island delegation to hear "I have a dream" or anything else directly.

“And there was a black performer that I can't remember.”

has to take some kind of prize for ignorant contemptuous dismissal.

It's like saying "there was some trumpeter I can't remember" at the Newport Jazz Festival.

In my hand I hold the LP I got after the fact to hear all those speeches I didn't hear at the March.

It's rather selective, but here are its musical performances:

Joan Baez, "We Shall Overcome"

Marian Anderson, "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands"

Odetta, "Oh! Freedom"

Bob Dylan, "Ballad of Medgar Evers"

Peter, Paul and Mary, "Hammer Song"

Joan Baez, "We Shall Overcome"

But I'm sure that there were more performances than that by singers and musicians of all races.

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 7:13 pm** | <#>

My brother was studying sanitation and water engineering at Harvard at the time "Dirty Water" came out, and was even doing water samples from the River Charles.

So of course his friends had to give him a copy.

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 7:15 pm** | <#>

Dave, can you relay some of your experience of the march. Where were you? When did you first hear the "I have a dream speech." Was there a feeling at the time of what a momentous occasion this was?

sku | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 7:16 pm** | <#>

Senate Republicans appear to be closing ranks behind Majority Leader Bill Frist on the sensitive subject of using the "nuclear option" to stop Democratic filibusters of judicial nominees. On Wednesday, Sen. Pete V. Domenici, R-N.M., an influential senior lawmaker, came out firmly behind Frist's efforts. Domenici's declaration helped give Rules Committee Chairman Trent Lott - Frist's point man on the issue - the confidence to declare that the majority party has enough votes to force the president's nominees to the floor for up-or-down votes.

Me2 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 7:19 pm** | <#>

The River Charles, which is the river that divides Boston and Cambridge, ahs actually been cleaned up somewhat. Many happy memories of my youth were those nice long walks along the river, crossing over those nice bridges, and seeing both Boston and Cambridge is full panoramic view.

And I do have love for lovers, buggers and thieves

Moderate Mark | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 7:25 pm** | <#>

Sorry, I didn't catch this earlier, but that stamp-like portrait of Ezra Pound is not a postage stamp of the United States or of any other country.

[Postcards from Idaho](#)

I googled to find the same thing (and no other postage stamps of Pound), but you have to be careful.

This is basically an educational site about the fifty states for kids. Since there were USPS series of state flowers and state birds, it was easy to find examples for every state. But they didn't find one for a famous Idahoan in the way they could have found a famous Californian or a famous New Yorker, so the site's creators made their own unofficial substitute. (Notice there's no country or postage indicated, which you need to carry mail across national borders.)

Paul Robeson may have criticised his country (with good reason) and praised Stalin's Russia (for little good reason), but he never (so far as I know) broadcast or performed for a country with whom the U.S. was at war.

The U.S. wasn't at war before December 7, 1941, and Communists like Robeson, Pete Seeger and Woody Guthrie had moved from non-interventionism/isolationism to agitating for U.S. involvement in June 1941, after Hitler invaded the USSR.

The same, basically, applies to Charles Lindbergh. America First was a pre-war movement.

There's no good reason to deny a stamp to either Lindbergh or Robeson.

And in time, Ezra Pound (for his poetic achievements only) and (perhaps) Jefferson Davis should get theirs.

T.S. Eliot (anti-Semitic in a non-personal way but pro-British) already has, and he became a British citizen. I'm pretty sure there's a stamp for Robert E. Lee, too.

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 7:41 pm** | <#>

Read about a "situation in Afghanistan" by clicking on my homepage

Liberal Kansas | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 7:41 pm** | <#>

WASHINGTON -- Pennsylvania State Treasurer Robert P. Casey Jr. announced today that he would challenge U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum for his seat in 2006, likely setting up one of the most closely watched races in the country next year.

And clearing the way for Casey, former Treasurer Barbara Hafer today announced she would pull out of the race just days after she announced her candidacy.

Casey, a Democrat who opposes abortion rights, has long been eyed by the Democratic leadership as a formidable challenger for Santorum, who is the No. 3 Republican leader in the Senate. Prominent Democrats including Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada and Sen. Charles E. Schumer of New York pressured Casey to run and met with him in Washington last month.

Even at this early stage, a Feb. 16 poll from Quinnipiac University suggested a close contest between Casey and Santorum, a leader among conservative Republicans. The poll found that Casey led Santorum 46 to 41 percent. About 52 percent of the people polled said they approved of the job Santorum was doing in the Senate and 31 percent disapproved.

One potential trouble spot for Santorum was that independent voters said they favored Casey 49 to 32 percent.

Casey had held off an announcement for several weeks. Some Democrats said they believed party officials were trying to avoid a primary fight that could siphon off considerable amount of money from the general election race.

Hafer took care of that, at least for now, when she announced her withdrawal today.

Shortly after noon today, she said she made the decision after consulting with Gov. Ed Rendell.

"The governor has asked me to step aside and allow Treasurer Casey to run unopposed for U.S. Senate," Hafer said in a statement. "After some consideration, I have decided to agree to the governor's request."

Hafer and Casey differ on abortion rights.

Hafer ran unsuccessfully against Casey's father in his 1990 re-election as Pennsylvania governor when she was still a Republican.

In the Quinnipiac poll, Santorum led Hafer 47 to 39 percent.

In a Casey-Santorum match-up, Social Security is likely to be one of the key issues. Santorum, in his capacity as the chairman of the Senate's Republican Conference, has taken a leading role in pushing President Bush's controversial plan to let workers partially

replace traditional Social Security with personal investment accounts.

Announcing his decision today, Casey took a hard line against the President's plan, stating that if he were elected he would "fight to protect and strengthen Social Security and will oppose any privatization plan that cuts benefits, requires massive borrowing from foreign countries or does nothing to improve the solvency of the Social Security system."

Me2 | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 7:42 pm** | <#>

Waylon Jennings "America"

"And the men who wouldn't fight in a war that didn't seem right...You let em' come home again -America"..

I get goose bumps every time.

Petedal | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 7:45 pm** | <#>

I knew the March was historic. It was reported to be the biggest march ever on the Nation's Capital, and it went off peacefully for the very greatest part.

I was probably more impressed because I was 14 at the time, and travelling alone on that Urban League bus since my father was part of the host committee for a weeklong scientific conference at Brown. It was my first political act or meeting, although I'd been reading about civil rights in Look magazine, James Baldwin's essays and elsewhere.

I don't have time to give detailed reminiscences at the moment beyond what I've said in earlier threads.

I didn't hear "I Have a Dream" when it was delivered because the Washingtonians had filled the Mall before many Marchers could get there.

However when I heard it on that LP afterward, I was immediately impressed and tried transcribing it to paper (unsuccessfully). I knew many of the phrases by heart long before they became clichés.

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 7:49 pm** | <#>

How come no one's posted or mentioned "Sweet Home Alabama"?

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 7:52 pm** | <#>

Fascinating Dave, thanks.

I believe someone did mention Sweet Home Alabama. Of course Mississippi's theme song should be another Phil Ochs tribute: "Here's to the State of Mississippi."

sku | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 7:59 pm** | <#>

Howard Stern does a bit with the Howard Dean state roll call...it's hilarious.

The Ghost of Tom Joad | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 8:09 pm** | <#>

That (?) was because I was unsure of my spelling of Scarlett's last name.

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 8:13 pm** | <#>

Oh yeah, ScottP, though you may not get a chance to see this til Monday, let me say that I saw "Girl with a Pearl Earring" three times.

Scarlett Johansson (?) is fully-clothed (you only see her hair once) and says fewer than a hundred words in the whole film, which she carries off by one simple trick:

acting.

Dem Socialist Dave | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 8:20 pm** | <#>

Gooooooooood evening, gang!

Ragnar Danashold | [Email](#) | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 9:17 pm** | <#>

"And there was a black performer that I can't remember."

has to take some kind of prize for ignorant contemptuous dismissal.

Yes, I know it came out that way, but it was the best I could come up with without mentioning some one wrong.

Also contemptuos is your oversight of the fact that I mentioned sweet home Alabama a few hours ago.

BTW, at the March wasn't George Lincoln Rockwell and the American Nazi Party there counter-protesting?

Only about 90 people, you probably notice them.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 9:44 pm** | <#>

I still wouldn't give a stamp to Ezra Pound.

All these people in the jumble of ideologies and alliances back then gave more credence to an overall, international ideology than to a nation state.

In that sense, it was kinda like the Reformation or 5th century Athens.

Still, helping out the enemy after a declared war crosses the line.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 9:50 pm** | <#>

I know I'm alone now, but for reference-

A little known fact about the March on Washington is that just a month later Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia paid a state visit that drew a similar crowd, and he addressed the masses about civil rights as well.

Though this was smaller, it highlights the international character of the CRM, remember this during the same time as de-colonization.

dudeman5685 | Email | Homepage | **03.04.05 - 9:55 pm** | <#>

Jitterbug

Jitterbug

Jitterbug

Jitterbug

You put the boom boom into my heart

You send my soul sky high when your loving starts

Jitterbug into my brain

Goes a bang bang bang till my feet do the same

If something's bugging you

If something ain't right

My best friend told me what you did last night

Left me sleeping in my bed

I was dreaming but I should have been with you instead

Wake me up before you go-go
Don't leave me hanging on like a yo-yo
Wake me up before you go-go
I don't want to miss it when you hit that high
Wake me up before you go-go
'Cause I'm not planning on going solo
Wake me up before you go-go
Take me dancing tonight
I wanna hit that high

You put the grey skies out of my way
You make the sun shine brighter than Doris Day
You turn a bright spark into a flame
My beats per minute never been the same
'Cause you're my lady I'm your fool
It makes me crazy when you act so cruel
Come on baby lets not fight
We'll go dancing everything will be alright

Wake me up before you go-go
Don't leave me hanging on like a yo-yo
Wake me up before you go-go
I don't want to miss it when you hit that high
Wake me up before you go-go
'Cause I'm not planning on going solo
Wake me up before you go-go
Take me dancing tonight
I wanna hit that high
yeah, yeah, yeah
jitterbug, jitterbug

Cuddle up baby move in tight
We'll go dancing tomorrow night
It's cold out there but its warm in bed
They can dance, we'll stay home instead
jitterbug

Wake me up before you go-go
Don't leave me hanging on like a yo-yo
Wake me up before you go-go
I don't want to miss it when you hit that high
Wake me up before you go-go
'Cause I'm not planning on going solo
Wake me up before you go-go
Take me dancing tonight

I wanna hit that high

George Michael | Email | [Homepage](#) | **03.04.05 - 11:20 pm** | <#>

John Hilton is really the only one to have discussed the substance of Ron's rant.

By a 4-2 vote, the FEC some time back ruled that blogs and other forms of internet speech were not to be regulated as campaign expenditures.

Judge Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, fresh off her trial court opinion making an even greater hash of BCRA than it already was, ruled against the FEC when it was sued, and ordered it to develop rules for regulating political speech on the internet.

It takes 4 of the 6 FEC Commissioners voting Aye to appeal a decision. The 3 Republicans on the Commission voted Aye. The 3 Democrats voted Nay. Now the FEC is facing a federal court order to regulate the internet.

So when Ron asks "Whatever happened to the concepts of free speech, an unfettered media, and the first amendment?", he should really ask that question of his candidate, Russ Feingold, and every other supporter of McCain-Feingold, Shays-Meehan, or its final version, the BCRA.

Nick

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Well I don't have a vote for US President in 2008, but concerning Ron's endorsement of Feingold...

How can a blogger support either McCain or Feingold when they are responsible for the legislation that is now being used to destroy political blogging?

It's not good enough to say "We didn't mean our legislation to be used in this way."

Just proves that [Senators make lousy presidential candidates](#).

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About Santorum '08 Moderate Mark writes:

He's an absolute moron. A self-righteous bumbling idiot. How much more of politicians like him can we take?

Heh. How many times do morons have to beat you, before the penny drops that maybe

they ain't...

Bush wins Texas from Dems: "he's a moron". Bush wins in '00 and '04: "he's a moron". Santorum wins in '94 and '00, "he's a moron". What kind of people do these guys beat - "sub-morons"? And don't tell me that morons can steal elections from clever people. What kind of a campaign team sits there drooling gormlessly, letting it happen?

Talk about underestimate your opponents at your peril.

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